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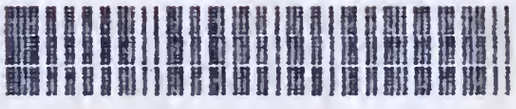
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OF THE

Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States,

OF THE

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS,

AND

THE JURISDICTION THEREUNTO BELONGING,

INCLUDING

THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF ITS OFFICERS AND STATISTICAL TABLES SHOWING THE PROGRESS OF THE ORDER FROM ITS

Formation in February, 1821, to the Close of the Annual Session of 1862;

TO WHICH ARE PREFIXED

THE CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, FORMS OF WARRANTS, DISPENSATIONS, REPORTS, ETC., AND EMBELLISHED WITH THE PORTRAITS OF THE P. G. SIRES AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ORDER;

THE WHOLE BEING ACCOMPANIED WITH

A COPIOUS INDEX.

By Authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

IN FIVE VOLUMES.

VOLUME FIVE.

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PROCEEDINGS DIRECTING THIS PUBLICATION.

In Grand Lodge of the United States, September 19, 1860.

Rep. McLean, of the District of Columbia, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the suggestions of the R. W. Grand Secretary relative to the republication of the Journal of the Grand Lodge, would respectfully report:

That they have given the matter due consideration, and are of the opinion that the necessity of the case seems to admit of no alternative, and they would therefore recommend that five hundred copies of the volumes be printed under the direction of the R. W. Grand Secretary, agreeably to the suggestions made in his report; the work to be done by the lowest responsible bidder, after inviting proposals to that end,

This report, having been laid on the table under the rule, was taken up on the 21st of September and adopted.—(See Journal, 3253, 3267, 3268.) Test:

JAS. L. RIDGELY, C. S.

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PREFACE.

In obedience to the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, to be found on the preceding page, authorizing a republication of the Journal of that Body, the undersigned, charged with that duty, now presents to the fraternity the third edition of that work, with a new Index, prepared at his instance, by P. G. Rep. F. A. Ellis, of Maryland, whose experience as an active member of the Grand Lodge for many years, affords the most ample assurance that his work will commend itself to the approbation of the Brotherhood. This publication differs from the former or second edition in several important particulars; it excludes the Digest, a new edition of which is also being prepared by Bro. Ellis; it omits the reports of D. D. G. Sires, and all returns of expulsions and rejections, and such extraneous matter as had no necessary connection with the legislation of the Body, thus compressing into four compact volumes the whole work of the Grand Lodge from 1821 to 1862, inclusive. It has been deemed advisable to depart from the plan adopted in the second edition. Instead of combining the two, the present plan separates the Index from the Digest, and makes them entirely distinct works, the former referring exclusively to the legislation of the Body in a continuing series, without distinguishing between repealed or obsolete laws and those now in force, but embracing the whole legislation of the Grand Lodge, and the latter applying itself exclusively to a Digest of the law as it now exists, without including antecedent conflicting legislation. The Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order, as they exist at the time of the publication, and the several forms prescribed for applications and returns, are also included.

The portraits of the P. G. Sires, and that of P. D. G. Sire Edward H. Fitzhugh, especially ordered to be included, embellish the work, which is in all respects a faithful record of the legislation of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and is produced in a style of mechanical execution not inferior to either of the former editions.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, C. S.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

Grand Lodge of the United States,

Held in the City of Baltimore, September, 1856.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1856—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication, when, upon a call of the roll, the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS.

GEORGE W. RACE.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, presiding.
E. C. ROBINSON.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. REUBEN JONES.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
DEXTER GILMORE.....R. W. Grand Marshal, *p. t.*
SOLOMON H. LEWYT.....W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....W. Grand Messenger.

And Representatives from twenty-one Grand Lodges and sixteen Grand Encampments, as follows:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. F. A. Ellis.....Maryland.
P. G. M. John G. Clayton.....Southern New York.
P. G. William English.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. John W. Hodgson.....District of Columbia.
P. G. Caleb Rodney Layton.....Delaware.
P. G. Isaac M. Tucker.....New Jersey.
P. G. Charles Wolford.....Kentucky.
P. G. M. Jacob H. Robinson.....Virginia.
P. G. M. Milton Herndon.....Indiana.
P. G. James Carr.....Missouri.
P. G. M. Wm. A. Strong.....Mississippi.
P. G. F. J. Barnard.....Alabama.
P. G. M. David B. Booth.....Connecticut.
P. D. G. M. Wm. Potter, Jr.....Rhode Island.
P. G. M. George C. Williams.....New Hampshire
P. G. David H. Wright.....Wisconsin.
P. G. M. F. E. Woodbridge.....Vermont.
P. G. M. Thomas D. Evans.....Iowa.
P. G. M. Dexter Gilmore.....Northern New York.
P. G. M. Wm. Thayer.....South Carolina.
P. G. M. S. B. Straw.....Maine.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. G. M. Richard Marley.....Maryland.
P. G. Sire John A. Kennedy.....Southern New York.
P. G. Sec. Wm. Curtis.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. Thomas Rich.....District of Columbia.
P. G. M. Henry F. Askew.....Delaware.
P. G. P. Paxson Coats.....Ohio.
P. G. M. Edward C. Robinson.....Virginia.
P. G. P. Wm. H. Remmington.....Missouri.
P. G. P. E. D. Farnsworth.....Tennessee.
P. G. R. H. L. Webster.....Rhode Island.
P. C. P. A. M. Foute.....Mississippi.
P. G. M. Timothy G. Senter.....New Hampshire.
P. G. W. H. Smith.....Michigan.
P. G. P. John W. Dwinelle.....California.
P. G. M. Geo. W. Cassedy.....New Jersey.
P. G. M. Charles R. Hansford.....Alabama.
P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey.....Maryland.
P. G. Sire William W. Moore.....District of Columbia.

A quorum being present, D. G. Sire Race addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

Representatives: The hour fixed by the Constitution of this Grand Lodge for the opening of this session has arrived. But, instead of being called to order by the familiar voice of the M. W. Grand Sire, who, by eminent services in this great cause of humanity, by the

sincerity of his purpose and the urbanity of his manners, had won on your confidence and esteem until called by you to fill the chief executive office in your gift, by the dispensation of Divine Providence that responsible duty has now to be performed by a subordinate and an untried officer. Yes, Representatives, mine is the unpleasant task to inform you that, from long continued indisposition, the M. W. Grand Sire, Wm. Ellison, is unable to be in attendance at this session of the Grand Lodge. Yet I have the satisfaction to announce that you will not be wholly deprived of his wisdom and experience, for he has forwarded to me a list of the standing committees to be appointed at this session, and at the same time sent to the R. W. Grand Secretary a very able and interesting report of his official acts during the past year. I am sure that all the members of this Grand Lodge join me in deep sympathy with our distinguished brother in his illness; in regret on account of his absence, and in the hope that he may soon be restored to health, and long be preserved in his career of usefulness.

Brethren, in the absence of the M. W. Grand Sire, the Constitution of this Grand Lodge makes it the duty of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire to take this chair and preside over your deliberations. It is not without distrust in my abilities that I assume to discharge such important duties. The only guarantee I can offer you for my official conduct is an honest purpose to do my whole duty, without fear or partiality; and to accomplish this I earnestly solicit and expect to receive your indulgence and co-operation.

I will now read you a letter just received from Grand Sire Ellison, addressed to the Grand Lodge of the United States on that subject:

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE,
Boston, September, 1856.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

REPRESENTATIVES: A protracted illness, now of more than four months' duration, precludes the possibility of my meeting you in annual session during the present month. As the mariner clings to the last plank of his shipwrecked barque, so have I indulged the hope that the 15th of September would have found me at the post of duty, to be again cheered on by the encouraging words and kindly sympathies of my brethren of the Grand Lodge of the United States; but that hope is denied me, and my fond anticipations doomed to disappointment.

In the acknowledged ability and gentlemanly bearing of the distinguished brother who is honored by and who honors the office of Deputy Grand Sire, the absence of your executive officer will occasion neither interruption nor delay in the progress of your legislative duties. To me alone, Representatives, will this absence be severely felt. Accustomed for years to those pleasant re-unions with my friends and co-laborers in the cause of Odd-Fellowship, I can look back upon the past only to find it fragrant with pleasant memories, and have always looked to the future meetings of the Grand Lodge as so many golden hours of life, which the glorious principles of our institution promises to those who are faithful to its requirements. I indulge the hope that,

with renewed health and strength, I may be allowed the privilege of meeting you at the Communication of 1857, to render a final account of my stewardship. Tendering you my best wishes for your continued harmony, health, and prosperity,

I remain as ever, very truly and fraternally yours,

WM. ELLISON, *Grand Sire.*

The Chair, with the sanction of the Grand Lodge, appointed P. G. M. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, as R. W. Deputy Grand Sire *pro tem.*, and P. G. M. Dexter Gilmore, of Northern New York, as R. W. Grand Marshal *pro tem.*

The Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives, and declared them duly qualified; whereupon, by the order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Reuben Jones, of Virginia.

On motion of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, it was ordered that the communication from the M. W. Grand Sire, together with the remarks made by the presiding officer upon presenting the same, be spread upon the Journal.

P. G. Sire Kennedy, of Southern New York, presented the remonstrance of P. G. Sire W. W. Moore and others of the District of Columbia, against the eligibility of P. G. M. Stuart as a Representative from that District, which was referred to the Committee on Credentials.

The Chair announced the following Committee on Credentials:

Reps. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, John A. Kennedy, of Southern New York, and Paxson Coats, of Ohio.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, asked and obtained leave to be excused from service on the Committee on Credentials.

The Chair named Rep. Wm. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, on the Committee on Credentials, vice Rep. Kennedy excused.

Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed who shall draw for the seats to be occupied by the respective jurisdictions during the present session, after the manner adopted and pursued at the last session.

The Chair named Reps. Tucker, of New Jersey, Farnsworth, of Tennessee, and Strong, of Mississippi, as the committee provided for by the resolution.

Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, and the members were seated in conformity thereto:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred the drawing of seats to be occupied by the respective States and Jurisdictions during the present session, ask leave to report that the States and Jurisdictions drew the seats numbered as follows:

Southern New York,.....1, 2, 3
Canada West,.....4
Maine,.....5, 6, 7
South Carolina,.....8, 9, 10
Missouri,.....11, 12, 13
Maryland,.....14, 15, 16, 17
Arkansas,.....18
Ohio,.....19, 20, 21, 22
Texas,.....23, 24, 25
Michigan,.....26, 27, 28
N. New York,.....29, 30, 31, 32
New Jersey,.....33, 34, 35
North Carolina.....36, 37, 38
Low. Provinces B. N. A.....39
Kentucky,.....40, 41, 42
Indiana,.....43, 44, 45, 46
Rhode Island,.....47, 48
Georgia,.....49, 50, 51
Pennsylvania,.....52, 53, 54, 55
Connecticut,.....56, 57, 58
Delaware.....59, 60, 61
Iowa,.....62, 63, 64
New Hampshire,.....65, 66, 67
Illinois,.....68, 69, 70
Massachusetts,.....71, 72, 73
Mississippi,.....74, 75, 76
Virginia,.....77, 78, 79, 80
Vermont,.....81
Alabama,.....82, 83, 84
Wisconsin,.....85, 86, 87
Louisiana,.....88, 89, 90
Oregon,.....91
California,.....92, 93, 94
Minnesota,.....95
District of Columbia,....96, 97, 98
Tennessee,.....99, 100, 101
Florida,.....102

ISAAC M. TUCKER,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
W. A. STRONG.

Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report the certificates of the following Representatives in proper form and according to law, and that they are entitled to seats on this floor, viz:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. Mark Prime	Maine.
P. G. M. Moses M. Burbank	New Hampshire.
P. G. M. Samuel B. Krogman, (for two years)	Massachusetts.
P. G. P. P. K. Hills, (vice W. E. Parmenter, resigned)	Massachusetts.
P. G. M. Dewitt C. Langdon	Southern New York.
P. G. Sec. Wm. H. H. Prall	Northern New York.
P. G Jonathan S. Whitaker	New Jersey.
P. G. Wm. F. Packer	Pennsylvania.
P. G. P. Henry Eckel	Delaware.
P. G. Joshua Vansant	Maryland.
P. G. M. Frederic D. Stuart	District of Columbia.
P. G. M. Wm. H. Cook	Virginia.
P. G. Richard A. Caldwell, (two years)	North Carolina.
P. G. P. John N. Washington, (vice T. H. Hardenburg, resigned)	North Carolina.
P. G. Robert B. Boylston	South Carolina.
P. G. M. J. D. Butt	Georgia.
P. G. M. A. D. Hall	Alabama.
P. G. M. Henry G. Stetson, (two years)	Louisiana.
P. G. W. H. Foster, (vice G. W. Race, resigned)	Louisiana.

P. G. M. Samuel Craighead.....Ohio.
P. G. M. Isaac M. Veitch.....Missouri.
P. G. M. John S. Horner.....Arkansas.
P. G. M. Samuel H. Parker, (two years).....
P. G. Moses Hyneman, (one year).....} California.
P. G. M. Henry E. Lockett, (two years).....
P. G. M. James W. Moore, (one year).....} Texas.
P. G. M. Martin Heisey.....Iowa.
P. G Rep. Daniel Woolsey.....Indiana.
P. G. M. Wm. M. Fenton.....Michigan.
P. G. Thos. Shackelford.....Mississippi.
P. G. M. Jas. E. Starr.....Illinois.
P. G. Samuel L. Adams.....Kentucky.
P. G. Wm. White.....Wisconsin.
P. G. A. A. Barnes.....Tennessee.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. G. A. M. Foute.....Mississippi.
P. G. E. P. Hunt.....Texas.
P. G. P. L. F. Tower, (vice J. G. Dunlap, resigned).....} Louisiana.
P. G. P. Jason Stockbridge.....Maryland.
P. G. P. Charles R. Hansford.....Alabama.
P. G. P. John Wallace.....Connecticut.
P. G. M. Tracy R. Morgan.....Northern New York
P. G. P. Edward Mitchell.....South Carolina.
P. G. Benjamin Conley.....Georgia.
P. G. M. J. W. Pruett.....Kentucky.
P. G. M. Wm. K. Edwards, (vice Sch. Colfax, resigned).....} Indiana.
P. C. P. Wm. Garrett.....Iowa.
P. G. M. Edward H. Fitzhugh.....Virginia.
P. G. P. N. H. Dearborn.....Illinois.
P. G. P. Chas. E. Buckingham, (vice Joseph Byron, resigned).....} Massachusetts.
P. G. J. P. Adams.....Maine.
P. G. M. & P. G. P. Thos. J. McLain.....Ohio.
P. G. Chas. Moore.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. Rep. E. H. Barry.....Indiana.

Your committee would further report that a protest has been presented to them against the admission of P. G. M. Stuart as a Representative from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, but inasmuch as but one certificate is presented to us, and that in favor of Bro. Stuart, in regular form, we have thought proper to report him entitled to the seat, and request that the appeal of P. G. Sire Moore and others may be referred to the Committee on Appeals.

We have also had before us a certificate in regular form certifying that P. G. M. Geo. W. Adams was elected to represent the Grand

Lodge of Georgia, but from the annual report presented to this body we find they have but nine hundred and thirteen members consequently they are not entitled to two Representatives in this body, and as a brother is now holding over, the committee report this subject for the special action of the Grand Lodge.

E. C. ROBINSON,
PAXSON COATS,
WM. CURTIS.

On motion of Rep. Barry, of Indiana, the report of the Committee on Credentials, except so much thereof as refers to P. G. M. Geo. W. Adams, of Georgia, was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, so much of the report as refers to P. G. M. Geo. W. Adams, of Georgia, was recommitted to the committee.

On motion of Rep. Barry, of Indiana, the reading of the minutes of the last session was dispensed with, and they were adopted as printed.

The annual report of the Grand Sire was presented and read. It is as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

REPRESENTATIVES AND BRETHREN: Assembled as you are, at this moment, upon the threshold of another and a new communication, it affords me much pleasure to assure you that no disturbing element has arisen during the past year to interrupt that peace and harmony and prosperity so beautifully pervading our entire jurisdiction at the close of the official labors of my esteemed predecessor. The fair field of the past has been so fragrant with the blossoms of love and the flowers of obedience that I should scarce find it necessary to address you at this time were it not a constitutional requirement.

The first impulse of grateful hearts, my brethren, is to render our united thanks to the Supreme Ruler of Heaven and Earth, without whose watchful care and parental love our institution would never have so steadily increased from weakness into strength, from a small and feeble beginning to its present magnitude and moral influence. In pouring forth our thank-offerings, gushing warm from the heart, let us not forget to invoke the blessing of our heavenly Father, that his protecting arm may be at all times over us, guiding us by his spirit, so that the influences of our institution may hasten that period when the high and impassable barriers that separated man from his fellow-man shall be forever removed, when the spear of the warrior shall be broken, and the sword of the conquerer shall lay rusting in its scabbard, and discord and contention shall be known no more.

The iron wheels of time, in their never-ending revolutions, finds you again, my brethren, at this post of honorable duty, forsaking for a time the cares of business and the comforts of home, to give such direction to our united labors as will continue to strengthen the bonds and increase the usefulness of our beloved fraternity. Coming as you do from the subordinate tribunals and working lodges of our jurisdic-

tion, familiar with all the details of our organization, knowing each throb and pulsation of the great heart of our Order, animated by the spirit of love and fraternity, the result of your official labors must of necessity continue to strengthen the bonds that unite us together as one happy family. And God grant that your labors may not be in vain! The conflicting and discordant elements of society can only find repose and safety in the conservative spirit of philanthropic institutions which have in themselves no inherent element of discord, but whose mission it is to teach us that "no one liveth to himself," but that we are created and placed here to labor for our fellow-men, to improve our social condition, to strengthen the bonds of our union, to elevate our country, and to advance our race in all the essential elements of a healthy civilization. In aristocratical governments, where freedom and civilization rest with oligarchies, forging fetters for both mind and body, instead of paving the way for individual amelioration, the influence of philanthrophic institutions is lost in an atmosphere where freedom of opinion exists only in name. But in this young republic, the home of liberty, where freedom of opinion, and freedom of speech, and freedom of the press are the natural and inalienable rights of all, our association has a great and important work to perform. It can never soil its spotless robes in the dust and discord of the political arena. We have no fears of it ever being converted into a political or sectarian engine, for it ranks among its members men of all parties and creeds and opinions, eminent for intellect and piety, and love of country, whose nationality knows no geographical lines, but is as broad and universal as humanity itself.

We cannot shut our eyes to the fact that in our own country events are ever on the wing, which, like the storm cloud, when meeting an opposing force, sends its messenger of destruction, leaving only a withering and blighted foot-print to mark its career. When sectional hatred is intensifying itself—when men's minds are darkened by strong passions and fierce conflicts—when the spirit of disaffection is growing stronger, and the bonds of our social compact correspondingly weaker, it is then that our institution may go forth in its robes of universal love, with its diadem of friendship and its cincture of truth, going behind the distinctions of sect, and party, and nation, teaching man that his own comfort and welfare are interwoven with the well-being of his race. It is true, as our beautiful ritual teaches us, that our Order holds no fellowship with the divisions and classifications of human society. Of local ideas we may be at times tenacious, but when they seal our vision to other and more comprehensive truths, we should remember that our relations and duties are exceedingly broad and far-reaching. We should not forget that all men are of one family; that to the Odd-Fellow there is but one country—the earth; but one nation—the human race. Let these great truths make our institution a solid landmark, amid the waves of faction, the storms of passion, and the conflicts of error. Thus will it become the palladium of our liberties, the ark of our national safety; and on the rainbow of Hope, which encircles us, let there be inscribed, in golden characters, UNION,

which shall be the crowning beauty and safeguard of the whole. It is by a generous diffusion of these sublime principles on the part of its members, in their daily avocations, that will stamp upon our institution, in legible and enduring characters, the constituent elements of existence and perpetuity.

In presenting to you a pleasant retrospect of the onward progress of our Order in harmony and prosperity during the past year, I am pained to reverse the picture in announcing to you the decease of a faithful servant, long tried in the annals of Odd-Fellowship. Since your last communication the angel of death has pierced the folds of our tent, and taken away a renowned one of our Order. At his home, in Savannah, Georgia, on the 14th of December last, P. G. Sire ROBERT H. GRIFFIN passed from a bed of suffering and anguish to the repose and stillness of death. In his sudden decease how forcibly are we reminded "that in the very midst of life we are enfolded in the cold embrace of the common enemy of man;" and yet these solemn admonitions can hardly make us realize "what shadows we are and what shadows we pursue."

In the passing away of one in a ripe old age, with the increasing infirmities of years, we behold the operation of a natural and divine law. When the destroyer's hand is laid upon the brow of childhood, in its weakness and innocence, and life's red tide is chilled, we bow with submission to the fullfilment of the designs of a wise Providence in transplanting the early flower, before the storms of life have too rudely assailed it, to the gardens of a heavenly paradise. But when death strikes down manhood in its strength, ere the promising and lofty intellect has reached its full maturity, in the midst of an increasing usefulness, and the diffusion of noble and generous impulses, surrounded by filial love, fond affections, and clustering hopes, ah! then we realize that life has no impregnable fortress, no steel-clad armor, to protect us from disease and decay. When the mists of death gathered around the brow of him whose loss we thus deplore and mourn, at the early age of thirty-three years, the genial current of a generous heart, overflowing with naught but kindness to his fellow-men, the dawning of a brilliant intellect, the development of those social qualities that reach the soul and awaken it to finer and gentler issues, were all hushed in that dread summons for all that is mortal in man to put on immortality.

In the decease of brother Griffin our Order throughout its wide jurisdiction has lost the labors of one who loved it for the great good it was capable of accomplishing. To this Grand Lodge his loss will be deeply deplored. To his severely afflicted family we can only offer our heartfelt sympathy, and commend them to the protecting care of Him who has promised to be the widow's God and a father to the fatherless. Let their grief and tears be sanctified by the remembrance that the disruption of earthly ties are only loosed for a time, to be more strongly bound in heaven. It only remains for this Grand Lodge to take such action upon the decease of brother Griffin as shall be due

to the distinguished position he has occupied and adorned in this senate of Odd-Fellowship.

The jurisdiction of Maryland has also lost by death the services of P. G. M. James C. Ninde. He will be long remembered by the members of this body for his quiet and kindly deportment and his gentlemanly bearing while occupying a seat here as a Representative from the elder jurisdiction in our Order. His departure has also left a void in the community where he resided, by whom he was esteemed for his general intelligence and goodness of heart.

In this connexion I may be pardoned for mentioning an incident connected with the celebration of the advent of our Order in this country by the Odd-Fellows of Ohio. It was my privilege and pleasure to be present on that interesting occasion, and among the first to greet me with a fraternal welcome on my arrival in Cincinnati was P. G. Master Joseph L. Silcox, of Indiana. He came, as he expressed it, introducing himself, to pay his respects to the Grand Sire. On the 7th of May following, by a melancholy accident, he was gathered to his fathers, and Indiana mourns the loss of one whose activity and usefulness, by his pen and his example, has left a void in our Order not easily filled.

Death also has penetrated the granite hills of New Hampshire; and that faithful and efficient jurisdiction has sustained a great loss in the decease of P. G. Representative Stephen Brown. He must "still live" in the memory of many of the older members of this body as a warm and devoted Odd-Fellow.

We have also to mourn the removal by death of D. D Grand Sire H. L. Dickinson, who deceased at Santa Fe on the 3d of January last. Brother Dickinson was an active member of Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, and was highly esteemed as an upright and honorable man, as well as an ardent and warm-hearted Odd-Fellow. He enjoyed the confidence of the community in which he resided, and held several responsible offices of public trust, the faithful discharge of which made him in all relations of life universally respected and esteemed.

By a reference to the annual returns from the various jurisdictions subordinate to this Grand Lodge, it will be perceived with pleasure that our institution still continues to exhibit a healthful condition both in numerical strength and financial prosperity. In some jurisdictions it will be noticed that there has been a decrease in membership through suspensions for non-payment of dues. But this in itself exhibits no sign of decay, but rather a cutting off of useless and decayed limbs of the tree of Odd-Fellowship, so that its sustenance may be expended and diffused through the living branches, giving renewed life to each vein and limb and leaf and artery, making our goodly tree to bud and blossom like the rose. Many members of our Order suspended for non-payment of dues, through carelessness, absence or inability to pay, but who are worthy to be re-united to us, are in many instances debarred, by the operation of a stringent law of the Order which allows dues to accumulate during the period of suspension. By the provision of this law suspension becomes more

severe as a punishment than expulsion. While the latter at once releases a member from all pecuniary responsibility and permits his re-instatement by the regular form, when he shall merit and request it, the former, in consequence of a constantly increasing indebtedness, excludes many from returning to membership on account of their inability to pay a greater amount perhaps than would be required by the existing laws for initiation and advancement to all the degrees. I think some modification of this law would enure to the benefit of the Order.

A statement of the financial affairs of this Grand Lodge will be presented to you by the distinguished officer whose services as Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary for a series of years are so identified with the prosperity of our Order that to speak of the one is only to remind us of the other. The report from his department will convey to you the gratifying intelligence that our finances are in a comparatively improving condition. The income during the year just expired has been greater than for several years past. But nevertheless the receipts will fall short of the expenditures, and the deficit, whatever it may be, will be chargeable upon the next financial year.

By a reference to the Journal of the last session, page 2515, it will be seen that the Financial Committee reported the following resolution, which was adopted by this body:

Resolved, That hereafter it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to open an account in his books with each specific appropriation, charging to such appropriation severally the amount reported by the finance committee, and placing to the credit of such account all payments made on account thereof, and in no case shall such payments exceed the amount of the specific appropriation on account of which they are made, nor shall any transfer of appropriation be allowed without the consent of this Grand Lodge.

Now, unless very large appropriations are made by the Grand Lodge, larger perhaps than the prospective wants of the institution would seem to warrant, such resolutions must of necessity operate to the disadvantage of the Order, without any corresponding benefit. Abundant evidence is on record that the revenues for the past year would have been much greater but for the legislation recommended by the Finance Committee of the last communication, with the very best intentions, upon the subject of estimates and appropriations. The sale of Diplomas, and the form for opening and closing the degree of Rebekah, with many copies of the Digest, would have greatly augmented the receipts at the office of the Grand Secretary. But when appropriations are all expended, and even excessive transfers from one appropriation to another are forbidden, the supplies become exhausted and the wheels of our organization must of necessity move with a reduced speed. I do not think the system is well adapted to an institution like ours, as it must be based to a great extent upon conjectural estimates. Without detriment to the Order a discretionary power might be vested in the Grand Sire to authorize the Secretary, upon satisfactory evidence, to exceed the appropriations, or to incur expense where no appropriation had been made, or to make transfers from excessive

appropriations to those that are exhausted. The subject is respectfully submitted for your consideration.

The ordering of your financial system upon some more satisfactory and permanent basis is a "consummation devoutly to be wished." The necessary expenses of this Right Worthy Body are very large, and the excess of its expenditures over its annual receipts, if continued, will soon exhaust its financial resources. While it is not necessary that the Grand Lodge should have a large and constantly increasing fund, yet at the same time care should be taken that its available resources should at all times be sufficient to meet its actual and anticipated liabilities. In legislating upon this subject the interests of the State jurisdictions will of course receive your favorable consideration. Every consistent successful effort to reduce the expenses of this body will necessarily lighten the burden upon its subordinate jurisdictions, many of whom find it somewhat difficult at the present time to meet the requirements of the financial laws of this Grand Lodge. It is respectfully suggested that a change might be made, when an urgent necessity requires it, in the representation to this body, by allowing one Representative from each department of the Order, or in case of a union of the two branches in one, should such an event ever occur, the system of representation could be so adjusted, with a proper regard for the interests of State jurisdictions, that the expenses of the Grand Lodge of the United States might be materially diminished.

The existence and continuance of the sessions of this body seem to me to be the life of the Order—it may truly be considered the outpouring of the great heart of the institution. The North and the South, the East and the West, the remote extremes of our Confederacy, mingle here together under the shade of this great tent, and sit down in harmony and love. Let not the economist and reformer, in their efforts, however well intended, to reduce expenditures, disturb the social relations or change the social features of our affiliation, that are strengthened by frequent intercommunions. Radical and frequent changes in our system of government are not in harmony with the well being and perpetuity of the institution.

The unsatisfactory condition of the Order in New Mexico, noticed by my immediate predecessor in his last annual communication to the Grand Lodge, and which by his recommendation was referred to the present Executive, has received my official attention. A local dissension has arisen between Paradise and Montezuma Lodges, which the ever returning wave of good fellowship, I trust, has ere this obliterated. I am without advices from that distant jurisdiction since March 31st, 1856, and have received no reply from Paradise Lodge to my letter of May 15th, 1856, a copy of which, together with sundry documents containing copies of a correspondence between Paradise and Montezuma Lodges, relating to their difficulties, is herewith submitted. The cases of Bugle Lodge and Wah-a-toy-a Encampment, also referred to me by Past Grand Sire DeSaussure's suggestion, remain as at your

last session. Both these charters have been surrendered, and no petition for a restoration of the charter of Bugle Lodge has been received.

It is proper and necessary, in this connection, to bring to the notice of the Grand Lodge the valuable and faithful services which Past Grand Horace Brooks rendered not only to the Grand Lodge, as its special agent, but to the Order in New Mexico. By his zeal and perseverance Bugle Lodge and Wah-a-toy-a Encampment were established, and their labors were organized and their proceedings guided by his energy and devotion. Under flattering auspices they gave great promise of future activity and usefulness. These anticipated results were not, however, subsequently realized, and when unforeseen and uncontrollable circumstances made it necessary and proper to have their work cease, Past Grand Brooks took the proper steps to have the charters restored without stain to the source from which they emanated. I am fully convinced that but for his persevering efforts these charters would not have been so safely returned after the trying ordeal through which they passed. I trust the Grand Lodge will concur with me in opinion that such meritorious services are worthy of some more formal legislative expression than can be presented in this communication. Past Grand Brooks acted as a Special District Deputy Grand Sire, and I would respectfully suggest that he be entitled to the rank of a Past District Deputy Grand Sire.

Since your last communication warrants have been issued for the following Lodges: Omaha Lodge, No. 2, at Omaha city, Nebraska Territory, instituted by Past Grand Jefferson P. Casady, January 1st, 1856, and Frontier Lodge, No. 3, at Nebraska city, instituted by District Deputy Grand Sire Charles F. Holly, on the evening of March 24th, 1856. The petitions for these Lodges are herewith submitted.

A petition has been received from brother C. S. Burton and others, praying for a charter for an Encampment at Lahaina, Maui, Society Islands, but believing from all the information I could obtain from those remote islands of the sea that the establishment of an Encampment at the present time at that place would be a great burthen upon the few good men and true that could rally under its banner, I declined issuing a warrant, but promised those brethren that I would lay their petition before the Grand Lodge of the United States at its present communication, and should be pleased to be guided by its legislation. The petition is herewith respectfully submitted.

The resolution passed unanimously on the first day of your last session authorizing the Grand Lodge to procure a portrait of Past Grand Sire Wilmot G. DeSaussure to be placed with those of his predecessors whose zeal and devotion to the cause of Odd-Fellowship have won for them the respect and esteem of this Body, has been complied with, and the members of this Grand Lodge will behold with pleasure hanging from these walls the features of one of its most distinguished sons, the record of whose services needs not the canvass to awaken grateful and pleasant remembrances.

By following the excellent rule adopted by my predecessor for his guidance in communicating upon matters connected with the Order

has very much abridged the correspondence of the executive department of this Grand Lodge. The communications received and answers addressed thereto are herewith submitted.

The following points have been replied to by me during the vacation:

First. That a brother or patriarch residing in one State is not entitled to admission as a member, nor can his proposition for membership upon a final card be received in a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment of another State, he remaining a resident and citizen in the State from which his card was issued, unless the previous consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment or Grand Master or Grand Patriarch is first had and obtained. (See Constitution of Grand Lodge of the United States, Article XVI, Section III.)

Second. That a brother holding a withdrawal card from one State is entitled to the annual travelling password in use at the time, and retains the right to visit in another State with the same password for a year.

Third. That the presentation of a withdrawal card would be the production of a "proper card," as required by Article XVI, Section I of the Constitution of this Grand Body.

Fourth. That there is no general law of the Order limiting or regulating the number of times a candidate can be proposed after rejection; the inquiry is a matter for local law.

Fifth. That under the old Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the thirtieth by-law directed State Grand Bodies to enact laws to prohibit their subordinates from initiating persons at places remote from their residence, while lodges or encampments are located in their immediate neighborhood; but in the new Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States there is no provision in regard to the matter at all, and the whole subject is very properly left for local State legislation.

My answers to several inquiries from the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which it would not be proper to publish in this communication, will be found recorded in the Secret Journal, to which I would respectfully call the attention of the Grand Lodge when in secret session.

Sixth. That a Grand Representative has a right to introduce visiting brethren into either lodge or encampment in his jurisdiction, whether he be a representative from his Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.

Seventh. That a brother holding a withdrawal card which has run out of date may be recognised as an ancient Odd-Fellow, and be allowed to renew his membership by the deposite of said card in a lodge at the place of his residence, subject to the payment of such fee as the local law may require.

Eighth. That a brother holding office in a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, and withdrawing from a Subordinate Lodge for the purpose of petitioning for a new lodge, does not by such withdrawal vacate his office in said Grand Body; that the law of the Digest applies *only* to office in a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, although the Digest (page 308, section 22) says a withdrawal card to a person who

desires to *relinquish his membership* in his Subordinate Lodge severs his connexion with all other branches of the Order. Section XXV, same page, also says that withdrawal cards confer a quasi membership on the owners of them for twelve months. Grand Lodges are composed of Past Grands, in good standing, and page 308 of the Digest says "members holding withdrawal cards are nevertheless in good standing." It is, however, a well established principle of the Order that to hold and retain office in a Grand Lodge said officer must be a contributing member of a Subordinate Lodge and to hold and retain office in a Grand Encampment said officer must be a contributing member of a Subordinate Lodge and a Subordinate Encampment.

Ninth. That a brother suspended from membership in his lodge is thereby cut off from all benefits and privileges, and in case of his death during such suspension the lodge incurs no new liability on account of his decease.

Tenth. That it is not competent for a Lodge, after its first term, to elect scarlet members to the office of Noble Grand when brothers who have served as Vice Grand were in nomination, except in cases where all qualified members refuse to accept the office of Noble Grand; then the lodge may elect a scarlet member, provided, however, a dispensation for the purpose be first obtained from the proper authority in the jurisdiction to which the lodge belongs.

Eleventh. That a D. D. Grand Sire has no authority by virtue of his office to issue warrants for lodges or encampments, or to reclaim or recall charters of lodges or encampments which persist in doing work irregularly. It is his duty to report any irregularity to the Grand Sire, who alone, under authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States, can reclaim or cause to be recalled all charters issued by this Grand Lodge.

Twelfth. That the law regulating the Degree of Rebekah allows the wife of any scarlet member, in good standing, of a Subordinate Lodge, to be entitled to receive the degree; consequently a State Grand Body does not possess the power of authorizing its subordinates to require any pecuniary compensation for conferring said degree.

Thirteenth. That a brother holding an unexpired withdrawal card retains a right to prefer charges for unworthy conduct against a member of his lodge during the year for which said card extends.

Fourteenth. That it is the right of a lodge to examine a visiting brother every night he may present himself for admission, and must be introduced by the examining committee.

Fifteenth. It has been inquired of me whether it is competent for a Grand Encampment or Grand Patriarch to grant a card to enable a Patriarch to join a Subordinate Encampment, if said Patriarch is at the time largely in arrears to a defunct encampment. My reply was as follows: that a Grand Body has full power in the premises, not only in its resumption of the powers of a Subordinate which has become extinct, but in its original control over all the members of the Order in its jurisdiction. Even while a Subordinate is in full operation, a Grand Body may direct it to restore a suspended or expelled member without

its consent. This discretionary power implies of course a wise and judicious investigation into the circumstances of every case presented.

Sixteenth. That a Grand Master, when visiting a Subordinate in his official capacity, is entitled to the honors of the Order, but a Grand Master may visit in his individual capacity as a member of the Order, and upon such visits he should not expect to be received with the honors. It is only when he announces himself as Grand Master that the visit becomes official.

Seventeenth. That a brother suspended for a definite period for non-payment of dues, when that time expires, is placed precisely in the same position in which he was previous to his suspension, with the additional amount of dues accruing during his suspension; and, if the lodge wish to discipline him further, his case must be taken up again; but a brother suspended for a definite period, as a punishment for some specific offence, upon the expiration of his term of suspension is *ipso facto* restored to membership.

Eighteenth. That there is no law of the Order regulating the payment of a greater amount of weekly benefits to scarlet degree members than those of the royal blue. The matter is left entirely to local legislation.

My reply to some inquiries from North Carolina may be found in the Secret Journal.

I have been advised by State Encampment, No. 3, of Iowa, of the restoration of its charter by the Grand Encampment of that jurisdiction. The charter of this Encampment was reclaimed prior to the institution of the Grand Encampment of Iowa, in June, 1852. At the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States in September, 1854, State Encampment, No. 3 applied to this body for a restoration of its charter. From some unintentional oversight this petition was not acted upon, although presented by the Grand Secretary in his annual report. The special committee to whom that report was referred for distribution did not embrace this important subject in their communication to this Grand Lodge. In November last a new charter was issued to State Encampment, No. 3 by its Grand Encampment. This, of course, was an assumption of power by a State Grand Body which belonged exclusively, under the pre-existing circumstances of this case, to the Grand Lodge of the United States. In the case of a Subordinate whose charter had been recalled previous to the institution of a Grand Body in its jurisdiction, no power exists except in this Grand Lodge to restore or cause to be restored said reclaimed charter. State Encampment, No. 3 has recognised this right of the Grand Lodge by making application here for a revival of its charter some two years subsequent to the institution of a Grand Encampment in its State. I am fully convinced, however, from a correspondence with State Encampment that no disrespect nor invasion of the rights of this Right Worthy Body was intended by the parties interested. On the contrary, State Encampment expresses its regret that any error should have been committed, and asks the favorable consideration of the Grand Lodge. I would recommend a confirmation of the act of the

Grand Encampment of Iowa in restoring the charter of State Encampment No. 3, and a restoration of its effects now in the official keeping of the Grand Secretary.

It has been brought to my notice that the usage still prevails in many Subordinate Lodges of balloting for all the degrees in the initiatory degree. This course is in direct conflict with the decisions of this Grand Lodge at its session of 1851, and re-affirmed in 1853 and 1854, upon appeals from the decision of the Grand Sire that such a requirement was necessary. The chair was also sustained by the Grand Lodge in its ruling "that the proceedings of Degree Lodges must be kept in a separate record book."

It has been inquired of me whether it is not necessary that visiting and final cards should be signed by the applicant in presence of the Secretary or other officer of the body at the time of granting such card. I replied that there was no direct law requiring this—that the Grand Lodge of the United States upon a resolution of Representative Olds, of Ohio, in 1849, page 1440, decided through its Legislative Committee that such a requirement was unnecessary. I am of the opinion, however, that the law regulating the examination of visiting brethren infers that all cards should be so signed, by the Lodge or Encampment issuing or transmitting them. Such a regulation would be a wise precaution against imposition, should the card fall by accident or design into the hands of any one not a member of the Order.

I desire to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the subject of public installations. These have been quite frequent in the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, and on several occasions I have been respectfully invited to attend. My only reply has been that the Grand Lodge of the United States had always refused to sanction public installations of officers of Lodges. I am clearly of the opinion, however, that much good to our Order and many acquisitions of valuable members has resulted from these public ceremonials, and I would cheerfully recommend that State Grand Bodies be permitted to authorize their Subordinates to allow public installations of their officers, under the direction and supervision of some Grand Officer, or a District Deputy Grand Master or District Deputy Grand Patriarch.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer will exhibit to you a detailed statement of such of your receipts and expenditures as come under his official supervision and keeping.

The Report of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary will apprize you of the condition of the Order in the different jurisdictions subordinate to this Grand Lodge, and you will be pleased to learn that the returns from the several Grand Bodies indicate generally a healthy condition of the Order. Excelsior is still our watchword—our field of labor the globe, teaching us that we are to move onward in our work until misfortune has no want to relieve and human sorrow no tear to dry.

An official visit during the month of April last to the jurisdiction of Ohio gave me the greatest pleasure. The occasion was the celebration of the anniversary of the advent of Odd-Fellowship in this country, and since my connexion with the institution I have never

witnessed so splendid a pageant and so grand and noble a collection of the bone and sinew of a community as were gathered together on that interesting occasion. The city of Cincinnati itself was transformed into a grand gala day, for every one to make merry and be glad, and it required not the strong arm of military power nor even the baton of the civil authority to prevent disorder. Peace reigned throughout her borders and tranquillity was within her gates. Odd-Fellowship in Ohio, since its advent in 1830, has known no retiring ebb, but keeps due on to a high and brilliant career. The occasion was highly honored by the presence of the distinguished founder and father of Odd-Fellowship in this country, Past Grand Sire Thomas Wildey, whose presence gave unalloyed satisfaction to the brotherhood there assembled.

In the full assurance that upon all the subjects which may be brought before you during your present convocation your counsels will be directed by a paramount desire to advance, strengthen, and perpetuate the great principles of our association, and that your deliberations may be tempered with the spirit and the essence of that Love which is for all time, permit me to express the hope that the result of your present official labors may redound to your own honor, advance the welfare of our beloved fraternity, and strengthen the cause of philanthropy and benevolence throughout the world.

WM. ELLISON, *Grand Sire.*

On motion of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, the report of the M. W. Grand Sire was referred to a special committee of three, for the purpose of distributing to appropriate committees the several subjects therein referred to.

The Grand Secretary submitted his annual report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Corresponding and Recording Secretary has the honor to submit the usual annual report of his office.

The following resolutions comprise the several special duties devolved upon him during the recess:

1. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to present one blank copy of the Grand Lodge Diploma to each Grand Representative who has not previously received one from the Grand Lodge.

2. *Resolved further*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to present one copy of the bound Journal and Digest of the Laws and Proceedings of the Grand Lodge to each Grand Representative who has not previously received one from the Grand Lodge.

3. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to sell the revised Journal to State Grand Bodies, or individuals taking five copies or upwards, at five dollars per copy.

4. *Resolved*, That a fourth volume be bound, in accordance with the resolution referred to the Committee on Printing; that it include the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the years 1852, 1853, 1854, and 1855; and that the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to prepare, or cause to be prepared, an Index to the same similar to that of the Revised Journal of Proceedings.

5. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be requested to file all papers presented to this Grand Body until the next annual session after the same shall appear in the printed Journal.

6. *Resolved*, That hereafter it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to open an account in his books with each specific appropriation, charging to such appropriation severally the amount reported by the Finance Committee, and placing to the credit of such account all payments made on account thereof; and in no case shall such payments exceed the amount of the specific appropriation on account of which they are made, nor shall any transfer of appropriation be allowed without the consent of this Grand Lodge.

7. *Resolved*, That hereafter the R. W. Grand Secretary be requested to arrange in his tabular statement of receipts, in *parallel columns*, the amounts for each specific purpose received from each Grand Jurisdiction and Subordinate Lodge and Encampment under this Grand Body.

8. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be requested to forward to the address of each present Representative one copy of the fourth volume of the proceedings as soon as published.

9. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to draw on the Treasurer of this Grand Lodge for such sum or sums as may be necessary to defray the expenses of publishing, preparation of the Index, and binding the fourth volume of bound Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, authorized to be printed at its present session, and that he be further authorized to procure steel plate engravings of Past Grand Sire W. G. DeSaussure and Grand Sire William Ellison, for the purpose of embellishing said fourth volume, the drafts to be paid out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

10. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary forward to each Grand Representative a copy of the Revised Journal of the present session as soon as printed.

11. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, at the opening of every annual communication of this R. W. Grand Lodge, to place in the hands of the Grand Sire a written statement showing the name or names of any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which may be indebted to this Grand Lodge, with the amount of such indebtedness, which statement shall be placed by the Grand Sire in the hands of the Committee on Credentials, immediately upon the appointment of said committee, so that the said committee may be able to make their report in conformity to the eleventh article of the by-laws of this Grand Lodge.

12. Four weeks previous to the holding of any session of this Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, through one daily paper of each of the cities of Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York, to invite proposals for the printing of the Journal of this Body, the printer to furnish the necessary paper, and to stitch and cover the Journal, ready for distribution—the printing to be done according to the style of the Revised Journal, and the matter to be stereotyped and the plates to be delivered to the Grand Secretary, in good order, as the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as a sufficient number of copies are struck off to meet the purposes of the law requiring the distribution of the proceedings, which number the Grand Secretary must state, as near as practicable, in the advertisement. And such proposals for the said work as may be received shall be filed away by the Grand Secretary, with their seals unbroken, until twelve o'clock noon of the first day of the session therein designated, after which time no more proposals shall be received, and such as shall have been received shall be placed in the hands of the Committee on Printing, to be by them opened, examined, and decided upon.

The first and second resolutions were carried into effect during the last session.

The third resolution has been complied with. The undersigned recommends that the existing qualification be removed, and that the price be fixed uniformly at five dollars per copy without regard to the number purchased.

Immediately after the publication of the Revised Journal of the last session, the Corresponding Secretary took steps to carry out the fourth resolution. Under the authority conferred by the resolution he availed himself of the services of Past Grand Sire Wm. W. Moore to compile

the Index, similar to that prepared by him for the first, second, and third volumes. The work has been prepared by this Brother, and was as it progressed placed in the hands of the printer, by whom it was completed at an early moment thereafter. The undersigned regrets to report that the binding and distribution of the work has been delayed for want of the engravings authorized by the ninth resolution. It is now complete, and will be placed upon the desks of the Grand Representatives. An appropriation will be necessary to compensate Past Grand Sire Moore for the preparation of the Index to this volume, which is an invaluable work, and has been performed with his usual ability.

The fifth resolution has been complied with.

The sixth resolution has been strictly obeyed. The operation of the system required by the resolution has been to some extent prejudicial to the revenue of the Grand Lodge during the year, in consequence of the failure of the Lodge to appropriate for several items of supply which have been required. No appropriation was made for printing the ceremony adopted for opening and closing the Degree of Rebekah, for Diplomas, for Indexes to the former volumes of the Journal, or for stereotyping the Index authorized to the fourth volume. The law being imperative and mandatory, no discretion could be exercised by the Grand Secretary on the subject, and accordingly the orders received for these items of supply could not be gratified.

The undersigned took upon himself to authorize the stereotyping of the Index to the fourth volume of the Revised Journal, for the reason that the Index to the three first volumes was already stereotyped, and, in the event of a reprint of the whole, the Lodge would be taxed again for the setting of the types for the Index to the fourth volume. It became necessary also to alter some of the old stereotype plates, for which an expenditure of $19.05 was incurred. This responsibility was assumed with some hesitation, but, in view of the motive and object herein explained, the act is respectfully submitted for approval.

The seventh resolution, as far as the same has been understood by the undersigned, has been obeyed.

The eighth resolution has not been carried into effect in consequence of the delay in getting the work out, superinduced, as has already been stated, by the want of the engravings of Past Grand Sire DeSaussure and Grand Sire Ellison. The work is now ready for distribution, and the resolution will be at once complied with.

In carrying out the ninth resolution, the Corresponding Secretary obtained the aid of Past Grand Sire Wm. W. Moore of the District of Columbia, whose practical acquaintance with the subject of printing peculiarly qualified him to protect the interests of the Grand Lodge in making the necessary contract for the printing and binding of the work. He also availed himself of the skill and experience of Past Grand Sire John A. Kennedy, of New York, in making the contract for the engravings designed to embellish the work. In conformity with these contracts he has drawn upon the Treasurer for three hundred and forty-six dollars in full for printing; for the sum of one hun-

dred dollars in part for binding, and for the sum of one hundred dollars in full for the engravings.

The tenth resolution has been obeyed.

A tabular statement of the amount of indebtedness of each Grand Body at the opening of the annual session has been placed in the hands of the Grand Sire.

The duty enjoined by the By-Law annexed has been performed, and the proposals received, and herewith submitted under seal.

In addition to the service heretofore devolved upon the Corresponding Secretary, it was suggested in the report of the Committee on Finance of the last session, in relation to the charges against individuals which appear on the books, "that some of them were believed to be collectable, and the report recommends that the Grand Secretary be authorized and directed to take immediate measures to have them adjusted, either by compromise or otherwise, as he shall deem expedient, so that the books of his office may be no longer encumbered with old accounts, which, to say the least, are not *increasing* in value from year to year."

No means have been left unemployed during a series of years to collect these individual accounts. During the vacation letters were addressed to each of the delinquents, and in some instances to the Grand Secretaries of the States in which they resided, and I regret to say without any success. The Grand Lodge, upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee, has frequently legislated upon this subject, and in various ways. The Corresponding Secretary has strictly obeyed every order of the Grand Lodge in the premises, and has over and again reported his entire inability to collect these claims: in fact it is worse than folly to report them as collectable—they are, with a single exception, desperate, and may as well be abandoned.

The portrait of Past Grand Sire DeSaussure, ordered at the last session, has been received, and now graces the walls of the Grand Lodge chamber.

In consequence of the delay of some two or three of the jurisdictions in transmitting their annual reports, I have not at this time the full material on hand to supply an accurate table of the actual condition of the Order. Notwithstanding the plain tenor of the law requiring these reports to be made at least one month previous to the annual meeting, some of the returns are not received until the second or third day of the session.

From the Annual Reports received, and the general correspondence of the year, I respectfully submit the following condensed statement of the condition of the Order under this jurisdiction.

British North America.—The report of the Grand Lodge of Canada West has been received, from which it appears that there are now thirteen Subordinate Lodges in good working order under that jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership of six hundred. The annual address of Grand Master Reynolds, of Canada West, has also been received, and is herewith submitted, and commended to the Grand Lodge as a substantial testimony of the diligence and energy of this distinguished officer, in the care of the Order under his charge.

From the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces of British North America, I have as yet no report.

From Canada East I learn that the number of Lodges in that jurisdiction has not increased, and that only one Lodge now remains. The efforts of Brother Past Grand Master MacLaren have been successful in preserving the existence of this Lodge amid many trying difficulties.

Michigan.—Information from this State as late as Sept. 1st represents the Order to be in a healthful condition.

Vermont.—The Order in Vermont, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, maintains a respectable footing, but the Encampment branch does not prosper.

Maine.—The annual sessions of the Grand Bodies of this State were held at Portland on the 12th, on which occasion Representatives were chosen. The Grand Lodge jurisdiction appears to be in a healthful condition.

Massachusetts.—The state of the Order in this jurisdiction, if not as prosperous as in former years, is highly gratifying, and its administration is zealous and effective.

New Hampshire.—The annual report from New Hampshire shows an increase in membership and a gratifying exhibit of appropriations for relief.

Rhode Island.—In this jurisdiction, whilst there is an increase of lodges, there is a falling off in the membership. This will reduce the representation of that body in the Grand Lodge of the United States, a result the more to be regretted from the fact that there is no constituency in the Order which has deserved a different fortune. The decrease of membership is attributed to neglect rather than to a want of respect or regard for the Order.

Connecticut.—There has been a decrease of membership in this jurisdiction. The M. W. Grand Master, however, congratulates the Brotherhood in his annual address that "there has been a healthful progress within the State as a whole, sufficient to satisfy them of the vitality of the principles they profess, and of their usefulness in the working of the great social machine."

Southern New York.—I learn from the worthy and efficient Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, John J. Davies, that no renewal of zeal appears to have characterized the membership during the past year.

Northern New York.—I am not in possession of the annual report of this jurisdiction, yet, from the demand for supplies which has existed during the past year, there can be no doubt that the Order is in prosperous circumstances.

New Jersey.—The Order in New Jersey comprises one hundred and seven lodges, with nearly six thousand members.

Pennsylvania.—From this jurisdiction the information received is of the most gratifying character. The Order continues to prosper, and, if not with so rapid a step as in former years, still its progress is onward and healthful.

Delaware.—One new lodge has been added in Delaware during the past year, and the annual report shows the State to be in a prosperous condition.

Maryland.—In this jurisdiction the Order is highly prosperous, numbering eighty-three Lodges, with thirteen thousand members.

District of Columbia.—The annual report of this Grand Lodge shows an increase of membership over the past year.

Virginia.—There is a decrease of Lodges and membership in Virginia, but the jurisdiction is still possessed of good strength in one hundred and ten Lodges, and a membership of six thousand five hundred.

North Carolina.—With an increase of Lodges over the last year, there appears in this State to be a moderate decrease of membership; yet all information from the jurisdiction represents the Order to be prosperous.

South Carolina.—This jurisdiction maintains an average standing, not advancing, but preserving a solid and healthful condition.

Georgia.—I regret to report that this State returns less than one thousand members, and consequently loses one Representative.

Florida.—The report of the Grand Lodge of Florida shows a falling off. The jurisdiction still maintains nine Lodges in respectable standing.

Mississippi.—The esteemed Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, writes under date of the 9th ultimo, that "although many of the old Lodges have lost more or less of the interest taken in Odd-Fellowship in former days, yet he is glad to see in a few of those Lodges, as evidenced by their reports, that there has been a new interest awakened, and that apathy and indifference is giving away to activity and renewed zeal."

Alabama.—The report of the Grand Lodge of Alabama is not yet received, nor have I had any communication from the State during the year. The Grand Encampment report does not evince a prosperous condition of that department.

Louisiana.—Odd-Fellowship in this jurisdiction exhibits a statu quo which is highly prosperous.

Missouri.—It is quite refreshing, amid a general falling off in the annual returns, to report that Odd-Fellowship is still on the forward march in Missouri. The very efficient Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, Brother Past Grand Master Isaac M. Veitch, advises me, under date of August 1st, "that the Order in Missouri is advancing steadily and harmoniously. Twelve new Lodges have been instituted since the last annual report, and there has been a considerable increase in membership."

Illinois.—I have to make the same remarks in relation to this jurisdiction which have been made as to the State of the Order in Missouri. There has been an accession of twenty-six Lodges and over fifteen hundred members in the State during the past year. The jurisdiction now comprises two hundred and ten Lodges, with a membership of nearly ten thousand.

Indiana.—The report of the Grand Lodge of Indiana shows an increase of six lodges and of six hundred members during the year, making an aggregate of one hundred and seventy-two lodges and eight thousand two hundred members. The Worthy Grand Secretary, Bro.

W. W. Wright, under date of the 24th August, writes as follows: "The Order in Indiana is prospering, and will soon assume a prominence among the jurisdiction of our Order that will be reverted to with a degree of pride by every friend of the Order in our State. Our motto is onward."

Ohio.—The valuable Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, Bro. A. E. Glenn, continues to maintain an interesting correspondence with this office. The annual report, always in due time, shows that this large jurisdiction continues to enjoy its wonted prosperity. He advises me on the 15th ultimo, "that the increase and prosperity of the Order in Ohio continues; since the 15th March, 1855, fifty lodges have been instituted, and the increase of membership has been over fifteen hundred. Great harmony pervades the entire jurisdiction, and the membership have learned to regard Ohio as a model of Odd-Fellowship."

Kentucky.—There is a slight falling off in this jurisdiction in lodges and membership, yet the report shows a highly prosperous state of Odd-Fellowship.

Tennessee.—Grand Secretary Barry, of this jurisdiction, writes, under date of April 22d, that there had been six new Lodges chartered in the State, and that the number of Lodges would reach in all probability, one hundred, by the close of the year. The Order is highly prosperous in Tennessee.

Arkansas.—From this State I have as yet no Grand Lodge report. The report of Eagle Encampment, No. 1, to December 31, 1855, has been received.

Wisconsin.—I have not received the report of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, but from private advices I learn that the Order is prosperous in this jurisdiction.

Iowa.—There are ninety-four lodges at work in this jurisdiction, with a membership of nearly four thousand, being an increase over last year of twenty lodges and over one thousand members. The Encampment jurisdiction numbers fourteen subordinates.

Texas.—The efficient Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, Bro. E. P. Hunt, gives the most gratifying account of the prosperity of the Order in the State.

California.—Grand Secretary T. Rogers Johnson, of California, under date of the 5th of August, writes, "that the jurisdiction is steadily improving, comprising sixty lodges, with a membership exceeding two thousand four hundred. The Encampment branch is also improving, eight subordinates being in healthful work, and two new ones about to be instituted."

Minnesota.—The Grand Lodge of this Territory held its fourth annual session on the 3d of January last. Charters for two new lodges, to be located at Minneopolis and Wiscona, were granted, which increases the number of lodges in the jurisdiction to seven.

Oregon.—A charter was authorized for a Grand Lodge for Oregon Territory at the last session, which was transmitted to District Deputy Grand Sire Barnum on the 19th day of November, 1855, of which no information has since been received.

Sandwich Islands.—One report from Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, due the 30th June, 1855, and one from Pacific Lodge, No. 2, due the same date, have been received—also one report from Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, due 31st December, 1854. These Bodies appear to be in a prosperous condition—an application has been received for a remission of dues from these bodies.

New Mexico.—I regret to report that Brother Past Grand Horace L. Dickinson the late District Deputy Grand Sire for this jurisdiction, departed this life on the 3d of January last. The death of this distinguished Brother, so far as Odd-Fellowship is concerned, occurred at an unpropitious moment. The Order had been for several years in an unquiet state in this jurisdiction, and the appointment of Brother Dickinson as District Deputy Grand Sire was received with general satisfaction by the Brotherhood, and reasonable expectations were had that he would be able, by his personal prestige of character, to restore harmony and fellowship to that divided constituency.

The report of Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, for the term ending 31st December, 1855, has been received. The affairs of Bugle Lodge, No. 3, and of Wah-a-toy-a Encampment, No. 2, of this jurisdiction, have been closed and the charters and books returned to this office. I acknowledge my indebtedness to that sterling Odd-Fellow, Brother Past Grand Horace Brooks, for valuable aid in securing the return of this property to the Grand Lodge. These bodies were authorized upon the recommendation of that worthy Brother, in connexion with the army of the United States, as an experiment, and the jurisdiction was especially confided to his care. Nobly did brother Brooks justify the confidence of the Grand Lodge, and so long as he remained personally present with the army in that distant section of the country he zealously devoted himself to the cause of Odd-Fellowship in that connexion. Having fulfilled every reasonable expectation, and faithfully restored the trust reposed in him when he could no longer administer it, I consider the services of that brother eminently worthy of the consideration of the Grand Lodge, and, as feeble mark of such consideration, respectfully suggest that the title of Past District Deputy Grand Sire be conferred upon him.

The Corresponding Secretary during the recess has issued withdrawal cards to the following Brethren, late of Bugle Lodge, No. 3, New Mexico, under the order of September session, 1854, viz:

John R. McKean, Charles Quirck, Julius C. Shaw, Wm. H. Price, John Einsiedel, Wm. McDivett, Joel Cross, Henry Langdon, George Burnham, Thomas Yearwood, Francis Smith, Barnard Rogers, John Miller.

Nebraska.—In this Territory there are three lodges, each in a prosperous condition, all of which have reported in full. The aggregate membership in the Territory is fifty-seven.

Washington Territory.—Olympia Lodge, No. 1, at the town of Olympia, is the only lodge in this jurisdiction. The report due 31st December, 1855, is received. The lodge numbers twenty-seven members, and is in a prosperous state.

Warrants have been issued during the year as follows:

SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Omaha Lodge, No. 2, Omaha city, Nebraska.
Frontier Lodge, No. 3, Nebraska city, Nebraska.

These applications together with the returns are herewith presented. The following statement, made in conformity with the order of the last session, "to arrange the same in parallel columns," represents the amounts for each specific purpose received from each Grand Jurisdiction and Subordinate Lodge and Encampment under this Grand Body, during the past fiscal year. The several amounts received have been paid into the Treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report. The usual supplementary table will be submitted at an early day during the session, showing the further receipts of this office from the termination of the fiscal year up to the first day of the session inclusive.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing September* 18, 1855, *and ending September* 8, 1856.

GRAND LODGES.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Diplomas.	Odes.	Representative Tax.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Maryland	.....	$150 00	$26 00	.....	.....	$100 00	.....	$276 00
Massachusetts	.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00
S. New York	.....	100 00	8 00	.....	.....	100 00	.....	208 00
Pennsylvania	.....	700 00	475 00	.....	30 00	100 00	.....	1305 00
D. of Columbia	43 75	12 50	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	63 25
Delaware	.....	35 00	18 00	1 00	.....	100 00	.....	154 00
Ohio	.....	550 00	220 00	.....	3 00	100 00	.....	873 00
Louisiana	.....	40 00	61 00	.....	.....	100 00	.....	201 00
New Jersey	.....	100 00	50 00	.....	.....	100 00	.....	250 00
Kentucky	116 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	316 00
Virginia	.....	151 00	60 00	.....	15 00	100 00	....	326 00
Indiana	678 00	120 00	60 00	.....	9 00	100 00	33 00	1000 00
Mississippi	50 00	53 10	64 00	.....	.....	100 00	1 90	269 00
Missouri	.....	20 00	113 00	.....	10 50	100 00	.....	243 50
Illinois	737 00	430 00	375 00	100 00	30 00	100 00	10 00	1782 00
Alabama	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	100 00
Connecticut	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	102 00
Texas	.....	40 00	24 00	.....	.....	100 00	2 61	166 61
S. Carolina	20 00	.....	20 00	.....	.....	100 00	.....	140 00
Tennessee	.....	50 00	62 00	.....	4 80	.....	.....	116 80
N. Carolina	.....	35 00	56 50	.....	3 60	100 00	.....	195 10
Georgia	.....	10 00	40 00	.....	.....	100 00	.....	150 00
Maine	.....	23 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 60	25 00
Rhode Island	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....
N. Hampshire	.....	117 00	24 00	.....	.....	100 00	.....	241 00
Michigan	30 00	45 00	22 00	.....	.....	100 00	.....	197 00
Wisconsin	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Iowa	.....	105 00	164 00	25 00	9 00	55 00	.....	358 00
Arkansas	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	....	20 00
N. New York	.....	275 00	157 50	.....	3 00	.....	.....	135 50
Florida	4 02	15 00	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	69 02
California	... ...	90 00	383 00	.....	21 00	100 00	6 00	600 00
Minnesota	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
L. Provinces	.....	.....	4 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00
Canada West	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	50 00
Canada East	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oregon Ter'ry	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1,678 77	3,479 00	2,504 00	128 00	138 90	2,355 00	55 11	$10,338 78

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary, for the fiscal year commencing September* 18, 1855, *and ending September* 8, 1856.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Balance.	Cards	Books.	Odes.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Maryland						
Pennsylvania		$50 00			$100 00	$150 00
S. New York						
Ohio		50 00	$26 00		100 00	176 00
New Jersey						
Virginia		20 00	6 00		100 00	126 00
South Carolina						
Massachusetts						
Kentucky					50 00	50 00
Maine						
New Hampshire	$8 00				50 00	58 00
Mississippi						
District of Columbia						
Tennessee						
North Carolina						
Georgia					50 00	50 00
Louisiana		20 00			50 00	70 00
Alabama			2 00			2 00
Indiana	190 00				100 00	290 00
Michigan						
Rhode Island						
Delaware					50 00	50 00
Connecticut		4 00			50 00	54 00
N. New York			6 00			6 00
Illinois	50 00		102 00		50 00	202 00
Missouri					50 00	50 00
Iowa	86 00		24 00		50 00	160 00
Texas			72 00		50 00	122 00
Wisconsin						
California			36 00	$3 00	50 00	89 00
	$334 00	$144 00	$274 00	$3 00	$950 00	$1,705 00

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the year commencing September* 18, 1855, *and ending September* 8, 1856.

	Balance.	Books.	Diplomas	Miscellaneous.	Charters.	Dues.	Cards.	Odes.	Total.
Isaac M. Tucker	$1 00								$1 00
N. C. Nason		$12 00							12 00
William Potter, Jr		5 00							5 00
L. H. Springer		1 00							1 00
S. H. Parker	103 55								103 55
Omaha Lodge, No. 2, N. T					30 00	$4 00			34 00
Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, N. T		3 00		85		17 39	3 40	75	25 39
Pacific Lodge, No. 63, Md		5 00							5 00
James Caine		1 00							1 00
——— Peters		1 00							1 00
William Pollock		1 00							1 00
Portage Lodge, No. 61		6 00							6 00
Frontier Lodge, No. 3, N. T		3 00		75	30 00	20 67	2 50	75	57 67
Nason & Hill		10 00							10 00
Eagle Encampment, No. 1, Ark						10 00			10 00
Alfred Mudge		11 00							11 00
R. S. Tall		5 00							5 00
Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, N. M						19 40	60		20 00
Fort Smith Encampment, No. 3, Ark						11 08			11 08
Charles Deckman		1 00							1 00
E. J. Aston		6 00							6 00
Columbia Lodge, No. 30		6 00							6 00
Eureka Lodge, No. 44		6 00							6 00
Olympia Lodge, No. 1, W. T						42 06			42 06
A. E. Glenn		70 00	3 00	5 00					78 00
J. Johnson		6 00							6 00
Frederick Gobb			1 00						1 00
	$104 55	$159 00	$4 00	$6 60	$60 00	$124 60	$6 50	$1 50	$466 75

The Revenue of the Lodge during the past year up to and inclusive of the 8th day of September, instant, amounts to.....$12,511 53
This sum will be increased by the further receipts to come in after the close of this report and during the session, which may be estimated at..... 2,500 00

Making an aggregate of.....$15,011 53
as the probable entire revenue of the year 1855–6.

It will be perceived, by reference to the Report of the Committee on Finance of the last session, page 2513, vol. 4, Journal, that the probable receipts of the year 1854–5 were estimated at....$16,080 00
which deducted from the estimated expenditure,..... 18,245 25

represented, to be provided for, a deficit of..... $2,165 25

These estimates were made from the best lights which the committee had at hand, and from abundance of care were made to meet a maximum condition of probable deficit. I am gratified to report that although the actual receipts will fall short of the amount estimated by the committee, and the expenditure estimated has been exceeded by the appropriation for publishing the fourth volume of the Journal, authorized after the adoption of the Finance Report, yet the estimated deficit will not actually occur. On the contrary, it is believed that there will be a considerably less deficit, arising from the fact that the actual expenditure for mileage and per diem, and for printing, has fallen short of the specific appropriations for those objects in the sum of fifteen hundred dollars. This sum of fifteen hundred dollars, appropriated specifically for mileage and per diem and printing, and not required for those objects, might have been profitably employed for other necessary supplies, for which, as has already been stated in this report, no appropriations whatever were made: but the order of the Finance Committee, adopted by the Grand Lodge, forbidding the use of any excess of specific appropriation to any other object, prevented such disposition of that fund. In connexion with this subject I beg very respectfully to suggest that the system of specific appropriations, not to be exceeded or transferred to any other objects, will not operate advantageously in conducting the business of the Grand Lodge. The estimates are at best hypothetical, as the transactions of one year can afford but a conjectural idea of what will be the actual wants of the next. Should there, therefore, be a deficit appropriation for any one object under the existing laws, the want, however great, must go unsupplied for a whole year, to the prejudice of the interests of the Order and to the detriment of the treasury. If a check be desired, which is highly proper, upon the Corresponding Secretary, in incurring expense for supplies without authority of law, it is only necessary to forbid any contract by that officer in case of a deficit appropriation, except with the concurrence of the Executive of the Order; this simple and effective provision will subserve every useful purpose, and avoid all difficulty in meeting the proper wants of the several State jurisdictions.

The stock account and statement of supplies sold during the year, showing the cost and nett profit, together with the receipts after the close of this report, will be submitted at an early day during the session.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Grand Secretary.*

Office Corresponding and Recording Secretary.
BALTIMORE, *Sept.* 8, 1856.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer submitted his annual report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report, embracing the receipts and expenditures from the 19th September, 1855, to the 12th September, 1856, inclusive:

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.*

1855.	TO CASH RECEIVED.	DR.
Sept. 19,	To balance in treasury as per examination of the Finance Committee this date	$9,464 84
" 19,	Error corrected in voucher No. 115	3 00
Oct. 1,	Three months interest on State of Maryland Stock	46 12
" 5,	Proceeds of $3,274 46 State of Maryland Stock sold by order of Grand Lodge	3,446 37
	Total amount received from Grand Secretary Ridgely from September 19, 1855, to September 12, 1856, inclusive,	12,710 53
	Total	$25,670 86

1855.	BY CASH PAID.	CR.
Sept. 19, No. 1,	Thomas Reynolds, mileage and per diem	$78 00
" 21, No. 2,	Luther J. Glenn, mileage and per diem	100 80
" 21, No. 3,	H. G. Stetson, mileage and per diem	164 00
" 21, No. 4,	Paxson Coats, mileage and per diem	88 50
" 21, No. 5,	E. H. Fitzhugh, mileage and per diem	53 00
" 21, No. 6,	John A. Kennedy, mileage and per diem	38 00
" 22, No. 7,	G. Sire Ellison, mileage and per diem	62 00
" 22, No. 8,	T. G. Senter, mileage and per diem	68 00
" 22, No. 9,	T. L. Evans, mileage and per diem	201 00
" 22, No. 10,	D. Gilman, mileage and per diem	63 00
" 22, No. 11,	E. P. Hunt, mileage and per diem	212 00
" 22, No. 12,	W. M. Carper, mileage and per diem	212 00
" 22, No. 13,	W. H. Remington, mileage and per diem	138 00
" 22, No. 14,	J. A. Gyles, mileage and per diem	89 00
" 22, No. 15,	D. Rohrer, mileage and per diem	201 00
" 22, No. 16,	H. F. Askew, mileage and per diem	25 50
" 22, No. 17,	P. A. Repiton, mileage and per diem	53 50
" 22, No. 18,	W. L. Steele, mileage and per diem	75 00
" 22, No. 19,	W. English, mileage and per diem	28 00
" 22, No. 20,	H. Lambert, mileage and per diem	51 50
" 22, No. 21,	W. H. Lamberton, mileage and per diem	62 00
" 22, No. 22,	S. Craighead, mileage and per diem	85 50
" 22, No. 23,	E. C. Robinson, mileage and per diem	63 00
" 22, No. 24,	A. W. Bruce, mileage and per diem	65 60
" 22, No. 25,	E. L. Farnsworth, mileage and per diem	125 00

Sept. 22,	No.	26,	D. B. Booth, mileage and per diem.....	$44 80
" 22,	No.	27,	P. L. Cunningham, mileage and per diem.....	42 50
" 22,	No.	28,	F. M. Brown, mileage and per diem.....	51 00
" 22,	No.	29,	W. Curtis, mileage and per diem.....	28 00
" 22,	No.	30,	A. S. Barry, mileage and per diem.....	143 00
" 22,	No.	31,	W. Rounsville, mileage and per diem.....	163 00
" 22,	No.	32,	H. S. Austin, mileage and per diem.....	163 00
" 22,	No.	33,	L. A. Gobright, mileage and per diem.....	22 00
" 22,	No.	34,	J. Byron, mileage and per diem.....	59 00
" 22,	No.	35,	W. E. Parmenter, mileage and per diem.....	59 00
" 22,	No.	36,	W. A. Bell, mileage and per diem.....	62 00
" 22,	No.	37,	D. H. Wright, mileage and per diem.....	162 00
" 22,	No.	38,	C. C. Cheney, mileage and per diem.....	158 00
" 22,	No.	39,	H. Eckel, mileage and per diem.....	25 50
" 22,	No.	40,	J. B. Kellogg, mileage and per diem.....	147 00
" 22,	No.	41,	N. A. Thompson, mileage and per diem.....	62 00
" 22,	No.	42,	W. S. Munday, mileage and per diem.....	125 00
" 22,	No.	43,	J. Uffort, mileage and per diem.....	190 00
" 22,	No.	44,	J. H. Robinson, mileage and per diem.....	48 00
" 22,	No.	45,	W. P. Russel, mileage and per diem.....	73 00
" 22,	No.	46,	G. J. N. Monell, mileage and per diem,.....	629 30
" 22,	No.	47,	G. H. Van Cleft, mileage and per diem.....	629 30
" 22,	No.	48,	E. C. Granniss, mileage and per diem.....	107 50
" 22,	No.	49,	J. How, mileage and per diem.....	132 00
" 22,	No.	50,	A. Mathews, mileage and per diem.....	172 50
" 22,	No.	51,	James Carr, mileage and per diem.....	157 50
" 22,	No.	52,	J. N. Washington, mileage and per diem.....	58 50
" 22,	No.	53,	I. W. Mickle, mileage and per diem.....	28 00
" 22,	No.	54,	I. M. Tucker, mileage and per diem.....	36 40
" 22,	No.	55,	W. Thayer, mileage and per diem.....	89 00
" 22,	No.	56,	J. B. Straw, mileage and per diem.....	84 00
" 22,	No.	57,	W. H. Smith, mileage and per diem.....	112 80
" 22,	No.	58,	C. A. Stacey, mileage and per diem.....	112 80
" 22,	No.	59,	C. A. Tufts, mileage and per diem.....	68 50
" 22,	No.	60,	W. A. Strong, mileage and per diem.....	203 50
" 22,	No.	61,	R. B. Boylston, mileage and per diem.....	84 50
" 22,	No.	62,	F. J. Barnard, mileage and per diem.....	150 50
" 22,	No.	63,	C. R. Hansford, mileage and per diem.....	130 50
" 22,	No.	64,	P C. Smith, mileage and per diem.....	130 50
" 22,	No.	65,	J. W. Dwinelle, mileage and per diem.....	613 30
" 22,	No.	66,	J. K. Connelly, mileage and per diem.....	190 50
" 22,	No.	67,	H. H. Dodd, mileage and per diem.....	93 00
" 22,	No.	68,	S. H. Griffin, mileage and per diem.....	104 00
" 22,	No.	69,	J. W. Hodgson, mileage and per diem.....	22 00
" 22,	No.	70,	Thomas Rich, mileage and per diem.....	22 00
" 22,	No.	71,	F. E. Woodbridge, mileage and per diem.....	71 00
" 22,	No.	72,	D. Woolsey, mileage and per diem.....	126 50
" 22,	No.	73,	A. Froment, mileage and per diem.....	38 00
" 22,	No.	74,	W. Potter, jr., mileage and per diem.....	51 00
" 22,	No.	75,	J. G. Clayton, mileage and per diem.....	38 00
" 22,	No.	76,	C. R. Layton, mileage and per diem.....	34 00
" 22,	No.	77,	R. M. Johnson, mileage and per diem.....	205 50
" 22,	No.	78,	C. Wolford, mileage and per diem.....	106 50
" 22,	No.	79,	J. D. Butt, mileage and per diem.....	88 00
" 22,	No.	80,	J. M. Wheeler, mileage and per diem.....	58 00
" 22,	No.	81,	H. L. Webster, mileage and per diem.....	58 00
" 22,	No.	82,	G. C. Williams, mileage and per diem.....	85 00
" 22,	No.	83,	A. B. Clark, mileage and per diem.....	129 00
" 22,	No.	84,	A. M. Foute, mileage and per diem.....	212 00
" 22,	No.	85,	C. A. B. Coffroth, mileage and per diem.....	29 50
" 22,	No.	86,	J. C. Ninde, per diem.....	18 00

Sept. 22,	No. 87,	F. A. Ellis, mileage and per diem.....	$23 10
" 22,	No. 88,	J. L. Lewis, Jr., mileage and per diem.....	70 00
" 22,	No. 89,	H. N. Clark, mileage and per diem.....	91 50
" 22,	No. 90,	S. Colfax, mileage and per diem.....	100 00
" 22,	No. 91,	J. W. Hale, mileage and per diem.....	29 00
" 22,	No. 92,	J. W. Pruett, mileage and per diem.....	113 00
" 22,	No. 93,	E. Whalen, mileage and per diem.....	76 00
" 22,	No. 94,	M. J. Durham, mileage and per diem.....	115 00
" 22,	No. 95,	E. G. Fuller, mileage and per diem.....	128 50
" 22,	No. 96,	N. F. Deering, mileage and per diem.....	73 00
" 22,	No. 97,	E. P. Banks, mileage and per diem.....	73 00
" 22,	No. 98,	W. Botener, printing list of Representatives.....	4 25
" 24,	No. 99,	G. W. Race, mileage and per diem.....	167 00
" 27,	No, 100,	Wm. Bayley, per diem.....	18 00
" 27,	No. 101,	E. C. Robinson, for Norfolk and Portsmouth sufferers—under resolution of September, 1855.....	300 00
Oct. 1,	No. 102,	S. H. Lewyt, per diem.....	18 00
" 1,	No. 103,	G. Mes. J. E. Chamberlain, postage for session of Grand Lodge, freight, newspapers, &c.....	194 00
" 2,	No. 104,	G. Sire W. Ellison, for Nova Scotia service.....	116 00
" 5,	No. 105,	J. Mearis, for services, per resolution.....	5 00
" 5,	No. 106,	J. J. Johnson, for services as Assistant Messenger.	12 00
" 5,	No. 107,	James Young, printing daily Journal.....	551 60
" 5,	No. 107,	James Young, for book paper.....	749 20
" 15,	No. 108,	Richard Marley, per diem.....	18 00
Nov. 10,	No. 109,	G. Mes. Chamberlain, postage and office expenses.	20 52
" 10,	No. 110,	Insurance on Grand Lodge furniture.....	13 50
" 16,	No. 111,	E. H. Barry, mileage and per diem.....	94 00
Dec. 1,	No. 112,	G. Sec. Ridgely, three months' salary.....	300 00
" 1,	No. 113,	G. Mes. Chamberlain, three months' salary.....	175 00
" 1,	No. 113,	G. Mes. Chamberlain, for postage, &c.....	54 22
" 20,	No. 114,	James Young, printing Journal, &c.....	512 48
" 20,	No. 115,	James Young, printing books.....	121 75
" 20,	No. 116,	James Young, printing certificates.....	24 00
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Jan. 29,	No. 117,	James Young, for book paper.....	343 50
Feb. 9,	No. 119,	Collection of draft on California.....	5 15
" 18,	No. 120,	L. Bonsal, binding charge books, &c.....	228 25
March 1,	No. 121,	Grand Sec'y Ridgely, three months salary.....	300 00
" 1,	No. 122,	G. Messenger Chamberlain, three months salary..	175 00
" 1,	No. 122,	G. Messenger Chamberlain, postages, &c.....	24 43
" 1,	No. 123,	Discount on uncurrent funds.....	65
May 31,	No. 124,	Discount on uncurrent funds.....	35
June 2,	No. 125,	G. Secretary Ridgely, three months salary.....	300 00
" 2,	No. 126,	G. Messenger Chamberlain, three months salary..	175 00
" 2,	No. 126,	G. Messenger Chamberlain, Postages, &c.....	29 75
" 17,	No. 127,	Ryan & Rickets, work done on Proceedings Grand Lodge, &c.....	19 05
" 18,	No. 128,	J. W. Bond & Co., blank book.....	1 50
" 24,	No. 129,	E. Sandys, printing cards.....	50 00
July 1,	No. 130,	G. Messenger Chamberlain, postages, &c.....	16 84
" 30,	No. 131,	G. Lodge of Maryland, rent of hall, &c.....	275 00
Aug. 9,	No. 132,	Discount on uncurrent funds.....	60
" 28,	No. 133,	Charles Bust, engraving portraits of Grand Sires Ellison and DeSaussure.....	100 00
" 28,	No. 134,	New York Daily Times, advertising.....	15 36
" 30,	No. 135,	Philadelphia Daily Sun, advertising.....	8 00
" 30,	No. 136,	Baltimore Clipper, advertising.....	11 88
" 30,	No. 137,	J. W. Bond & Co., stationery.....	153 38
Sept. 1,	No. 138,	E. Sandys, printing cards.....	100 00
" 1,	No. 139,	G. Sec. Ridgely, three months' salary.....	300 00

Sept. 1, No. 140, G. Mes. J. E. Chamberlain, three months' salary.		$175 00
" 1, No. 140, G. Mes. J. E. Chamberlain, postages, &c.....		14 52
" 2, No. 141, Discount on uncurrent funds...		2 50
" 4, No. 142, James Young, printing Digest, &c..... ..		327 73
" 5, No. 143, L. Bonsal, on account binding Journal....		100 00
" 11, No. 144, James Young, printing.....		56 75
" 11, No. 145, Salary of Grand Treasurer for twelve months....		200 00
" 12, No. 146, E. Sandys, printing cards, &c.....		168 12
		$17,780 03
Balance.....		7,890 83
		$25,670 86

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer.*

BALTIMORE, September 12, 1856.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, moved that 2000 copies of the reports of the M. W. Grand Sire, of the R. W. Grand Secretary, and of the R. W. Grand Treasurer be printed for the use of Representatives.

Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, moved to amend by striking out the figures "2000" and inserting "3000."

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Adams, it was agreed to, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Barry, of Indiana, the report of the Grand Secretary was referred, for distribution of its subjects, to the same committee to which the Grand Sire's report was referred.

Rep. Craighead, of Ohio, moved to suspend the ninth rule of order for the purpose of enabling him to move to amend that rule; which was adopted.

Rep. Craighead then moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the *ninth rule of order* be amended by striking out the word "*three*," and substituting therefor the word "*five*."

On motion of Rep. Craighead, of Ohio, the Grand Lodge agreed to take a recess for thirty minutes.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The time allowed for recess having expired, the Lodge re-assembled.

By unanimous consent the order of business was suspended.

Rep. Dwinelle, of California, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire possesses the power of appointment of the Standing Committees of this body only when he is the actual presiding officer of the session; and that in case of his not so actually presiding, from absence or other inability, the appointment of those committees devolves, with the other duties of the M. W. Grand Sire as presiding officer, upon the officer who shall, pursuant to the provisions of the constitution, be actually presiding over the session at the time when that order of business is reached.

Rep. Vansant, of Maryland, moved to refer the resolution to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Dwinelle, of California, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the question was put as follows: "Shall

the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. Dwinelle, of California?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The Chair named the following as the Standing Committees:

Committee on the State of the Order.—Reps. Askew, of Delaware; Dwinelle, of California; Gilmore, of N. New York; Fitzhugh, of Virginia; Edwards, of Indiana.

Legislative Committee.—Reps. Craighead, of Ohio; Boylston, of South Carolina; Woodbridge, of Vermont; Butt, of Georgia; Curtis, of Pennsylvania.

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps. Smiley, of Tennesse; Clark, of Florida, Dodd, of Ohio; Williams, of New Hampshire; Woolsey, of Indiana.

Committee on Finance.—Reps. Veitch, of Missouri; Clayton, of S. New York; Conley, of Georgia; Adams, of Kentucky; Hills, of Massachusetts.

Committee on Appeals.—Reps. English, of Pennsylvania; Kennedy, of S. New York; Hansford, of Alabama; Foster, of Louisiana; Buckingham, of Massachusetts.

Committee on Constitutions.—Reps. Barry, of Indiana; Prall, of N. New York; Booth, of Connecticut; Strong, of Mississippi; Prime, of Maine.

Committee on Petitions.—Reps. Stacy, of Michigan; Stetson, of Louisiana; Tucker, of New Jersey; Garrett, of Iowa; Remington, of Missouri.

Committee on Returns.—Reps. Thayer, of South Carolina; Straw, of Maine; Webster, of Rhode Island; Hodgson, of District of Columbia; Shackelford, of Mississippi.

Committee on Printing.—Reps. Senter, of New Hampshire; Marley, of Maryland; Stuart, of District of Columbia; Pruett, of Kentucky; Eckel, of Delaware.

Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.—Reps. Hunt, of Texas; Wolford, of Kentucky; Farnsworth, of Tennessee; McLain, of Ohio; Fuller, of Lower Provinces of British North America.

Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented.—Rep. Foute, of Mississippi; Wright, of Wisconsin; Mitchell, of South Carolina; Starr, of Illinois; Wallace, of Connecticut.

Rep. Booth, of Connecticut, moved the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause seventeen hundred copies of the daily journal to be printed, and that one copy thereof be placed on the table of each Representative at the opening of each day's session.

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger place daily on the desk of each Representative fifteen copies of the daily journal in wrappers in form for mailing, and that he be hereby authorized to pay the postage on all documents placed in his hands for mailing, which are published by authority of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, moved to amend the resolutions as follows, which was not adopted:

Strike out of the first resolution the word "1700" and insert "3000," and in the second strike out the word "15" and insert "28."

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, moved to amend as follows, which was not adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause seventeen hundred copies of the daily journal to be printed, and to place one copy thereof on the desk of each Representative at the opening of each day's session.

Resolved, That each Representative be entitled to fifteen copies of the daily journal, and that each Representative leave with the Grand Messenger a list of the name and post-office address of those to whom he may desire the same to be sent, and that the Grand Messenger at the close of the session forward to each person, according to the name and address so left with him, a copy of the Journal in pamphlet form, prepaid.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Booth, of Connecticut, it was adopted.

Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Credentials made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials have examined the certificate from the Grand Lodge of Georgia, and also the report made by the Grand Secretary of that State, in reference to the membership of said body, and we find as follows from the reports made to this body in 1854, 1855, and 1856, viz:

Number of members reported in			1854,.....	1,546.
"	"	"	1855,.....	1,368.
"	"	"	1856,.....	913.

The committee find that during the past year there have been 116 additions to the membership of 1855. They also find that there have been 179 withdrawals from same report, which would leave 1,305 actual membership in the State of Georgia. They therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That Bro. P. G. M. Geo. W. Adams be admitted as a Representative from the State of Georgia.

E. C. ROBINSON,
PAXSON COATS,
WM. CURTIS.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, presented the following communication, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The fraternity at Norfolk have erected and just completed a new hall, which will be dedicated to the purposes of Odd-Fellowship on Thursday, the 18th day of September, 1856.

The brethren of that place will feel much gratified if the Grand Lodge of the United States will undertake the dedication of the hall.

Such an honor will be highly appreciated by our whole jurisdiction, and a cordial Virginia welcome will be tendered to every officer and member of your body.

Very respectfully and fraternally,

AUGUSTUS WINSLOW,
JOEL WHITE,
JAMES WHITEHEAD.

NORFOLK, 13th September, 1856.

Rep. Booth, of Connecticut, moved that the polite invitation of the brethren of Norfolk be accepted, and that the Grand Lodge will attend the proposed dedication.

Rep. Williams, of New Hampshire, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was agreed to. The main question was then put as follows: "Shall the Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. Booth, of Connecticut?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, moved that the Lodge now adjourn till 4½ o'clock, which was not adopted.

On motion of Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

GEORGE W. RACE, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, presiding.
E. C. ROBINSON, R. W. D. Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAS. L. RIDGELY, R. W. G. Cor. and Recording Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. REUBEN JONES, R. W. Grand Chaplain.
DEXTER GILMORE, R. W. Grand Marshal, *p. t.*
SOLOMON H. LEWYT, W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, W. Grand Messenger.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Reuben Jones, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

On motion of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, and by unanimous consent, the nomination and election of Grand Officers was made the special order for eleven o'clock this day.

Rep. Hodgson, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report the unfinished business of the last session.

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the book of diagrams and the "unwritten work of the Order" be placed in the hands of the Deputy Grand Sire during the session, for the use of the members of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, moved the following resolution.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge will meet daily at nine o'clock A. M., take a recess for thirty minutes at twelve o'clock M., and adjourn at three and a half o'clock P. M.

Rep. Gilmore, of Northern New York, moved to amend by striking out "$3\frac{1}{2}$" and inserting "3."

The question being on the amendment, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, it was adopted.

Rep. Coats, of Ohio, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that the credentials of P. G. J. F. Birchard, of the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, are correct, and that he is entitled to a seat on this floor.

E. C. ROBINSON,
WM. CURTIS,
PAXSON COATS.

Rep. Parker, of California, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the several State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges have jurisdiction over all suspended members residing within their territorial limits, and may prescribe the terms upon which they may be admitted to membership.

The question being on the resolution, Rep. Parker, of California, moved to make the subject the special order for to-morrow, at eleven o'clock.

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, moved to refer the resolution to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. Dwinelle, of California, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. Parker, of California?" which was resolved in the affirmative, and the subject was accordingly made the special order for eleven o'clock to-morrow morning.

On motion of Rep. Booth, of Connecticut, the report of the Grand Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. Hunt, of Texas, submitted the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Texas, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the hour of one o'clock P. M. of Wednesday next be assigned for instruction in the secret work of the Order.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, moved to amend by striking out "one o'clock," and inserting "seven o'clock," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Farnsworth—

Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, moved to amend by striking out the words "Wednesday next," and inserting the words "to-day," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Farnsworth, it was adopted.

Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, presented the appeal of F. Knox Morton, of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

The Chair named Reps. Parker, of California, Morgan, of Northern New York, and Krogman, of Massachusetts, as the special committee for distributing the subjects referred to in the reports of the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

Rep. Clayton, of Southern New York, submitted the following proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

At the annual session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Southern New York, held in the city of New York, August, 1856, amongst other business had was the adoption of the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS several propositions were submitted at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the United States, 1855, for amending the constitution of said body; some relative to the ratio of Representatives in said body, others with the view of decreasing its expenses, which amendments will come up for action at the ensuing session; and

WHEREAS this Grand Lodge is of opinion that it would be unwise policy, and totally uncalled for at the present period, to legislate in any manner so as to increase the expenses of the Grand Lodge of the United States or the amounts required of the State Grand Lodges; therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge disapproves of the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States increasing the number of the Representatives to that body, or of the amount of the representative tax from fifty to one hundred dollars upon each vote, and our Representatives are requested and expected to oppose the adoption of either of said propositions.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that every proper means should be used to reduce the enormous and still growing expenses of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that this body views with favor the proposed amendment to reduce the number of Representatives to one from each Grand Body; and he to cast the full vote to which the body he represents is entitled to; also the one substituting "biennial" for "annual" sessions; and our Representatives are requested to vote for the adoption of both these amendments.

Rep. J. H. Robinson, of Virginia, presented the following proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Virginia:

OFFICE OF THE G. SECRETARY OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF VA }
Richmond, June 20th, 1856. }

To the M. W. Grand Sire of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Under instructions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Virginia, I take great pleasure in forwarding to you a copy of the following report and resolutions unanimously adopted by that R. W. Grand Body on the 16th April, 1856.

Very fraternally yours, in F., L. and T.,
M. SEAGERS, *Grand Secretary.*

To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the State of Virginia:

The undersigned, committee to whom was referred that part of the Grand Master's Journal relative to the calamity afflicting our brethren of Norfolk and Portsmouth, having taken the matter into consideration, beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we entertain a deep sense of the manifest kindness and sympathy of our brethren out of this jurisdiction for the aid of our afflicted brethren of Norfolk and Portsmouth during the time of their unprecedented calamity, and that we will most cheerfully reciprocate such benevolent acts, should occasion ever arise for so doing.

Resolved further, That having made inquiry into the present condition of the Lodges of Norfolk and Portsmouth, we are happy to learn that there is no occasion for further aid.

Respectfully submitted.

A. R. BERNARD,
J. W. RAMSEY,
WATKINS JOHNSON.

Rep. Krogman, of Massachusetts, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, presented the appeal of James Burke from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Pruett, of Kentucky, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Kentucky, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Pruett, of Kentucky, presented the following proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, when, on his motion, so much thereof as refers to the by-laws of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was referred to the Committee on Constitutions; so much as refers to the term of service of the Grand Officers of Kentucky was referred to the Legislative Committee, and so much as relates to the inquiry from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, touching the rights of a lodge to invest its funds, to the Committee on the State of the Order:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States greeting:

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Kentucky, at her late session, held July, 1856, adopted the following resolution, to wit:

Resolved, That the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge be so changed as to read the meetings of this Grand Lodge shall be held on the first Tuesday in November of each year.

I am instructed by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky to submit this change to your honorable body, and pray your approval, and also pray you to extend the term of service of the present Grand Officers and Grand Representatives to that period. If the above action is approved by your R. W. Grand Body, the extension of the term of the R. W. Grand Representative becomes essentially necessary, as no election can take until after the meeting of your R. W. Grand Body in September, 1857.

P. G. M. J. M. Mills submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following question be submitted to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and a special decision thereon requested.

Has a Subordinate Lodge the right to make investments of its funds other than by a two-third vote?

Respectfully submitted, in F., L. and T.,

WILLIAM WHITE, *Grand Secretary.*

Rep. Woolsey, of Indiana, submitted the following paper, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

In pursuance of instructions of the Grand Lodge of Indiana to its Representatives, at its session of July, 1855, the undersigned begs leave to present the following matter of grievance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Indiana:

WHEREAS it appears that Wabash Lodge, No. 20, under the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Body, paid $15 relief to Bro. Henry, holding a legal visiting card from Lodge No. 346, under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, endorsed the same on his card, and informed the Secretary of said Lodge No. 346 of the relief granted; and whereas it further appears that said Lodge No. 346 has refused to refund the relief thus granted upon a *legal card* of her own issuing; therefore be it

Resolved, That whereas Palladium Lodge, No. 346, of Pennsylvania, still refuses to refund the amount advanced by Wabash Lodge, No. 20, although repeatedly requested so to do, and whereas we believe that an important principle is involved in the matter, therefore

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be again directed to call the attention of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to the dereliction of said Lodge No. 346, and that our Grand Representatives bring the matter before the Grand Lodge of the United States.

In compliance with the requisition made of the R. W. Grand Secretary, "to call the attention of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to the dereliction of said subordinate above complained of," that officer reports, that after repeated application to the R. W. Grand Secretary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for redress, or some explanation of the matter, he has failed to receive one word of satisfaction or explanation in reference thereto. The R. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana, therefore, is left no other alternative but through her Representatives in this R. W. Grand Body to ask this Grand Lodge to require the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to compel Palladium Lodge, No. 346, under her jurisdiction, to comply with the plain obvious law in relation to such assistance rendered a stranger brother visiting a Lodge in another jurisdiction than his own.

Respectfully submitted.

D. WOOLSEY.

Rep. Woolsey, of Indiana, presented the following resolution of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Representatives from this R. W. Grand Lodge in the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States are hereby instructed to present at the next session of that Grand Body the question of the expediency of so amending the Degree of Rebekah as to permit an organization of its members for the object of promoting the cause of benevolence in that particular branch of the Order.

Rep. Booth, of Connecticut, presented the following proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, which were referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be and are hereby instructed to use their best efforts to cause a repeal of the law

whereby that Body pays the mileage and per diem of Grand Representatives, and that the Grand Lodge of the United States return to the old method of having each Grand Body pay its own Representatives.

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the United States, be and they are hereby instructed to vote against any proposition calculated to increase the dues of the State Grand Bodies.

Rep. Garrett, of Iowa, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of the State of Iowa, in rechartering State Encampment, No. 3, of said Grand Jurisdiction be approved. That the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge are hereby authorized and instructed to return the effects of said Subordinate Encampment, and that a warrant issue for the amount of the funds surrendered to this Grand Lodge in favor of said Subordinate, and the effects and funds be placed in the possession of the R. W. Grand Representative of the Grand Encampment of Iowa, for the use and benefit of said Subordinate.

Rep. Hunt, of Texas, presented the following proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Texas, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS it is believed that it will materially advance the interests of the Patriarchal Branch of the Order to permit the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch and his District Deputies to confer the Encampment degrees on scarlet degree members of Subordinate Lodges, for the purpose of instructing new Encampments, therefore be it

Resolved, That the Grand Representative of this R. W. Grand Encampment be and is hereby instructed to bring the matter before the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, to procure the passage of a law authorizing the Grand Patriarch and his District Deputies to confer all the degrees of a Subordinate Encampment upon scarlet degree members, for the purpose of organizing new Encampments.

Rep. Lockett, of Texas, presented the following proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Texas, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

The Committee on the State of the Order submitted the following report, which was, upon motion, adopted:

To the Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Texas:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the report of the R. W. Grand Master, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report that they concur in his decisions on the several matters brought before him—the granting a dispensation to reconsider a ballot for a rejected candidate—as the Grand Lodge of the United States has directly said that no reconsideration can be had on such ballots, without any exception; but think the case was one that the Grand Lodge of the United States never anticipated and consequently never made any provision; and believe that the law should be altered so as to provide for such cases in future. Therefore they recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to use their influence in obtaining the passage of a law providing for the reconsideration of a ballot for a rejected candidate for membership when all the brothers depositing the black balls make such application, and a unanimous vote of the Lodge concurring therein.

Rep. Williams, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to present one blank copy of the Grand Lodge Diploma to each Grand Representative who has not previously received one from the Grand Lodge, and on Friday next at one o'clock the Grand Lodge will take a recess of one hour for the purpose of enabling the members to procure the signatures of the Officers and Representatives.

Resolved further, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to present one copy of the bound Journal and Digest of the Laws and Proceedings of the Grand Lodge to each Grand Representative who has not previously received one from the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Hills, of Massachusetts, moved to amend the first resolution by striking out "Friday" and inserting "Thursday."

Rep Pruett, of Kentucky, moved to lay the amendment on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Williams, of New Hampshire, it was adopted.

Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, submitted the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted:

WHEREAS it has pleased Divine Providence, with the cold hand of death, to suddenly withdraw from our midst P. G. M. Geo. S. Morris, late a Representative from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to this body—

Resolved, That we sincerely and deeply deplore the loss which has been sustained by our brotherhood, not merely amid the scenes of local labor where he was so well known and so highly appreciated, but upon the more enlarged field of Grand Lodge duty. Thoroughly imbued with the soothing and ameliorating principles of our institution, he was ever ready, when occasion called, to unfold and illustrate them; the fatherless, the homeless, and the sick never failed to secure his anxious and relieving care, or the exercise of his cool and discriminating judgment.

Resolved, That by this dispensation the needy have lost a valuable and substantial friend, the distressed an active sympathiser, the widow and orphan a devoted brother, who never paused when charity or benevolence was to be exhibited, and the community in which he resided a philanthropic citizen and kind neighbor, whose Christian virtues were shown by his works, whose manly and honorable bearing secured him the good wishes of his fellow men, and whose unbending integrity and unblemished character won for him the confidence and admiration of all with whom he was brought into connexion.

Resolved, That, in testimony of the respect we bear to his memory as a well tried and devoted friend, associate, and brother, these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of this body, and that a copy of the same be forwarded to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania.

Rep. Eckel, of Delaware, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be requested to report a plan for merging the subordinate branches of the Order by such jurisdictions as may desire mergement, in accordance with the suggestions of the committee on that subject, as found upon page 2455 of the fourth volume of proceedings of this body, if in the judgment of the committee they deem it expedient to do so.

The question being on the resolution, it was not agreed to.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Layton, of Delaware, moved the following resolution, which on motion of Rep. McLain, of Ohio, was ordered to lie on the table:

Resolved, That all appeal papers furnished by appealing parties in the manner prescribed by the R. W. Grand Lodge be printed at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Buckingham, of Massachusetts, the Lodge agreed to reconsider the vote of yesterday accepting the invitation from the brethren at Norfolk to attend the proposed dedication of their hall, and the question being on the motion to accept the invitation and to attend on that occasion, Rep. Buckingham, of Massachusetts, moved the following as a substitute for the resolution:

Resolved, In order to facilitate the business of the Grand Lodge, that a delegation of ..... members be appointed by the Grand Sire to represent this body at Norfolk on Thursday next.

Rep. Booth, of Connecticut, moved to fill the blank in the resolution with "one hundred."

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Booth, of Connecticut—

Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, moved further to amend by filling the blank with the number "thirty."

Rep. McLain, of Ohio, moved further to amend by filling the blank with "fifteen."

Rep. Vansant, of Maryland, now moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The main question was then put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. Booth, of Connecticut?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. McLain, of Ohio, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the substitute of Rep. Buckingham, of Massachusetts, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the original motion to accept the invitation of the brethren of Norfolk, and to attend the celebration, it was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Adams of Georgia, Adams of Kentucky, Barnes, Barry, Booth, (2 votes,) Burbank, Birchard, Butt, Caldwell, Clark, Cook, Craighead, Dwinelle, Edwards, Ellis, English, (2 votes,) Fitzhugh, Foster, Foute, Gilmore, Herndon, Hodgson, Horner, Hunt, Hyneman, Langdon, Lockett, Marley, Moore of Texas, Morgan, (2 votes,) Parker, Potter, Prall, Pruett, Prime, Rich, E. C. Robinson, J. H. Robinson, Senter, Shackelford, Stetson, Stockbridge, Straw, Strong, Stuart, Vansant, Wallace, White, Williams, Woodbridge, Woolsey—54.

NAYS.—Askew, Barnard of Alabama, Boylston, Buckingham, Carr, Cassedy, Clayton, Coats, Conley, Curtis, Dearborn, Eckel, Evans, Farnsworth, Garrett, Hall, Hansford, Heisey, Hills, Kennedy, Krogman, Layton, McLain, Mitchell, Moore of Pennsylvania, Remington, Starr, (2 votes,) Thayer, Tower, Tucker, Veitch, Webster, Whitaker, Wolford, Wright—36.

The hour having arrived which was fixed for the nomination and election of Grand Officers—

On motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, the Lodge proceeded to that subject, when the following nominations were made for M. W. Grand Sire:

By Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia,	D. G. Sire Geo. W. Race, of La.
By Rep. Eckel, of Delaware,	P. G. M. H. F. Askew, of Del.

P. G. M. Askew declined the nomination as a candidate for the office of Grand Sire.

Deputy Grand Sire Race having retired from the chair, D. Grand Sire Robinson *pro tem.* presided.

The nominations being closed, the Chair named Reps. Boylston, of South Carolina, and Foute, of Mississippi, as tellers, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election.

The tellers reported that eighty-eight ballots had been cast, all of which were polled for Deputy Grand Sire George W. Race.

Whereupon the Chair announced that Deputy Grand Sire GEORGE W. RACE, of Louisiana, was *unanimously* elected the M. W. Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to nominations for the office of Deputy Grand Sire, when the following were made:

By Rep. Pruett, of Kentucky,	P. G. M. J. W. Dwinelle, of Cal.
By Rep. Heisey, of Iowa,	P. G. Wm. English, of Pa.
By Rep. Thayer, of S. C.,	P. G. M. T. G Senter, of N. H.
By Rep. Barnes, of Tenn.,	P. G. F. E. Woodbridge, of Vt.
By Rep. Caldwell, of N. C.,	P. G. M. E. C. Robinson, of Va.
By Rep. Hansford, of Ala.,	P. G. M. S. Craighead, of Ohio.
By Rep. Hunt, of Texas,	P. G. M. Herndon, of Indiana.
By Rep. Cook, of Virginia,	P. G. M. Edw. W. Fitzhugh, of Va
By Rep. Hall, of Alabama,	P. G. E. H. Barry, of Indiana.

Reps. Craighead, of Ohio; Herndon, of Indiana; Fitzhugh, of Virginia; Woodbridge, of Vermont, and Barry, of Indiana, each declined being candidates for the office of R. W. D. G. Sire.

The nominations being closed, the Lodge proceeded to the election, when the tellers, having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that eighty-five ballots had been cast, of which number—

P. G. M. Timothy G. Senter received		28
P. G. M. John W. Dwinelle	"	25
P. G. Wm. English	"	19
P. G. M. E. C. Robinson	"	13

Whereupon no election was had.

The hour fixed for recess, 12 o'clock, having arrived, the Lodge took a recess for half an hour, pursuant to the order adopted to that effect.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled, pursuant to the order for recess, and proceeded again to the election for R. W. D. Grand Sire.

The tellers, having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that eighty-seven ballots had been cast, of which number—

P. G. M. T. G. Senter had received		32
P. G. M. J. W. Dwinelle	"	27
P. G. Wm. English	"	19
P. G. M. E. C. Robinson	"	8
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Whereupon, no election being had, the Lodge proceeded again to the election; and the tellers, having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that eighty-nine ballots had been cast, of which number

P. G. M. Timothy G. Senter received		48
P. G. M. J. W. Dwinelle	"	37
P. G. M. E. C. Robinson	"	4

Whereupon the Chair announced that P. G. M. TIMOTHY G. SENTER, of New Hampshire, having received a majority of the votes cast, was the duly elected R. W. Deputy Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to nominations for the office of Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, when the following was made:

By Rep. Foute, of Mississippi—P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Md.

The nominations being closed, the Lodge proceeded to the election; when the tellers, having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that fifty-nine ballots had been cast—of which number P. G. M James L. Ridgely had received 57; blanks 2.

Whereupon the Grand Sire announced that P. G. M. Jas. L. Ridgely, of Maryland, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was duly elected Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary for the ensuing term.

The Lodge then proceeded to nominations for the office of Grand Treasurer, when the following was made:

By Rep. Woodbridge, of Vermont—P. G. Jos. Vansant, of Maryland.

The nominations being closed, and the tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that forty-two ballots had been cast, of which P. G. Joshua Vansant received the whole number.

Whereupon the Chair announced that P. G. Joshua Vansant, of Maryland, was the duly elected R. W. Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge for the ensuing term.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, agreeably to instructions, recommend an appropriation to print a sufficient number of Diplomas for the Grand Lodge, and submit the accompanying resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the printing of Diplomas, to be expended under the direction of the Grand Secretary.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
B. CONLEY,
SAMUEL L. ADAMS,
JNO. G. CLAYTON,
P. K. HILLS.

On motion of Rep. Askew, of Delaware, the rule was suspended requiring reports to lay on the table for one day, and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. Parker, of California, from the committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the annual report of the Most Worthy Grand Sire for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein contained to appropriate committees, beg leave to recommend:

That so much as relates to a modification of the law allowing dues to accumulate during the period of suspension, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That so much as relates to the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That so much as refers to the services of Past Grand Horace Brooks be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That so much as relates to warrants issued during the year be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

That so much as refers to the petition for a charter for an Encampment at Lahaina, Maui, Society Islands, be referred to the same committee.

That the several decisions of the Grand Sire be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That so much as relates to the action of the Grand Encampment of Iowa, in restoring the reclaimed charter of State Encampment No. 3, be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

That so much as relates to the law regulating the examination of visiting brethren in signing cards, be referred to the Legislative Committee.

That so much as relates to public installations be referred to the same committee.

That so much as refers to the death of P. G. Sire Griffin be referred to a Special Committee.

That so much as relates to the death of members of this R. W. Grand Lodge be referred to the delegations of the States which they represented.

S. H. PARKER,
TRACY R. MORGAN,
SAMUEL B. KROGMAN.

On motion of Rep. Askew, of Delaware, the rule was suspended and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. Hunt, of Texas, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, submitted the following communication:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem ask for instruction from your R. W. Body upon the following question: Shall said committee allow *constructive mileage under any circumstances?*

E. P. HUNT,
CHARLES WOLFORD,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
T. J. McLAIN.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, moved to recommit the inquiry to the Committee on Mileage.

On motion of Rep. Vansant, of Maryland, the whole subject was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, moved the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS the general sentiment of the Order points to a merging of the Grand and Subordinate Encampments into the Grand and Subordinate Lodges, and the extinction of the Patriarchal as a separate and distinct branch; therefore

Resolved, That on Wednesday, the 17th instant, this Grand Lodge will, immediately after the opening of its session, proceed to appoint by ballot a Special Committee of five, whose duty it shall be to report a revision of the work and lectures of the Patriarchal and Subordinate Lodge Degrees, abolishing the Patriarchal as a separate and distinct branch and merging the same in the Subordinate Lodges, retaining the same number of degrees that now exist, but reducing them as to length and otherwise improving them as the committee shall deem advisable, and who are hereby instructed to present their report at the next regular session of the Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the said Special Committee are hereby authorized to sit during the recess between the close of the present and the commencement of the next regular session of the Grand Lodge, and shall be entitled to receive the same amount for per diem and mileage as are allowed to Representatives attending at this session of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Adams of Kentucky, Barry, Booth, (2 votes,) Burbank, Coats, Cook, Craighead, Curtis, Dearborn, Edwards, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, Hills, Hunt, Kennedy, Krogman, Lockett, McLain, Mitchell, Moore, of Pennsylvania, Moore of Texas, E. C. Robinson, J. H. Robinson, Senter, Vansant, Wallace, Williams, Wolford—29.

NAYS.—Adams of Georgia, Askew, Barnard of Alabama, Barnes, Boylston, Buckingham, Birchard, Butt, Caldwell, (2 votes,) Carr, Cassedy, Clark, Clayton, Conley, Dwinelle, Eckel, Ellis, Evans, Foster, Foute, Garrett, Gilmore, Hall, Hansford, Heisey, Herndon, Hodgson, Horner, Hyneman, Langdon, Layton, Marley, Morgan, Parker, Potter, Prall, Pruett, Prime, Remington, Rich, Shackelford, Starr, (2 votes,) Stetson, Stockbridge, Straw, Strong, Stuart, Thayer, Tower, Tucker, Veitch, Webster, Whitaker, White, Woodbridge, Wright—58.

The question recurring on the resolutions of Rep. Cassedy—

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, moved indefinitely to postpone the subject.

Rep. Butt, of Georgia, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the resolutions of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey?"

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, asked for a division of the question, and the question being on the first resolution—

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, asked a further division of the subject, and the question being on the first branch of the first resolution, as follows:

Resolved, That on Wednesday, the 17th instant, this Grand Lodge will, immediately after the opening of its session, proceed to appoint by ballot a Special Committee of five, whose duty it shall be to report a revision of the work and lectures of the Patriarchal and Subordinate Lodge Degrees.

It was adopted. The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Adams of Georgia, Askew, Barnard of Alabama, Barnes, Boylston, Birchard, Butt, Caldwell, (2 votes,) Carr, Cassedy, Clark, Conley, Curtis, English, (2 votes,) Evans, Foster, Garrett, Gilmore, Hall, Hansford, Heisey, Hodgson, (2 votes,) Horner, Hyneman, Layton, Mitchell, Morgan, (2 votes,) Parker, Prall, Pruett, Prime, Remington, Rich, Starr, (2 votes,) Stetson, Straw, Thayer, Tower, Tucker, Veitch, Whitaker, White, Woodbridge, Wright—48.

NAYS.—Adams of Kentucky, Barry, Booth, Burbank, Clayton, Coats, Cook, Craighead, (2 votes,) Dwinelle, Eckel, Edwards, Ellis, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, Herndon, Hills, Hunt, Kennedy, Krogman, Langdon, Lockett, McLain, Marley, Moore of Pennsylvania, Moore of Texas, Potter, E. C. Robinson, J. H. Robinson, Senter, Shackelford, Stockbridge, Strong, Vansant, Wallace, Webster, Williams, Wolford, Woolsey—37.

The question recurring on the residue of the first resolution, it was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Adams of Georgia, Askew, Barnard of Alabama, Barnes, Boylston, Birchard, Butt, Caldwell, (2 votes,) Carr, Cassedy, Clark, Eckel, Foster, Hall, Hansford, Heisey, Hodgson, (2 votes,) Horner, Hyneman, Layton, Pruett, Prime, Remington, Starr, (2 votes,) Stetson, Straw, Thayer, Tower, Tucker, Veitch, Whitaker, White, Woodbridge, Wright—37.

NAYS.—Adams of Kentucky, Barry, Booth, (2 votes,) Buckingham, Burbank, Clayton, Coats, Conley, Cook, Craighead, Curtis, Dwinelle, Edwards, Ellis, English, (2 votes,) Evans, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, Garrett, Gilmore, Herndon, Hills, Hunt, Kennedy, Krogman, Langdon, Lockett, McLain, Marley, Mitchell, Moore of Pennsylvania, Moore of Texas, Parker, Potter, Prall, Rich, E. C. Robinson, J. H. Robinson, Senter, Shackelford, Stockbridge, Strong, Vansant, Wallace, Webster, Williams, Wolford, Woolsey—48.

The question recurring on the second resolution—

Rep. Adams, of Georgia, asked for a division of the question, so as to take the vote first on so much of the resolution as authorizes the committee raised to sit during the recess.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, raised the point of order that the division called for was not material, every committee raised by the Grand Lodge of the United States having, as of course, the right to sit.

The Chair decided the point of order well made, and directed the vote to be taken on the resolution as a whole.

Rep. Adams, of Georgia, appealed from the decision of the Chair, but with consent of the Grand Lodge, withdrew his appeal.

The question recurring on the second resolution, it was resolved in the negative, the yeas and nays appearing as follows:

YEAS.—Adams of Georgia, Barnard of Alabama, Boylston, Birchard, Butt, Caldwell, (2 votes) Carr, Cassedy, Clark, Conley, (2 votes,) Curtis, English, Hodgson, Mitchell, Prall, Pruett, Prime, Starr, Straw, Thayer, Tucker, Veitch, Whitaker, Woodbridge—28.

NAYS.—Adams of Kentucky, Askew, Barnes, Barry, Booth, (2 votes,) Buckingham, Burbank, Clayton, Coats, Cook, Craighead, Dearborn, Dwinelle Eckel, Edwards, Ellis, Evans, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, Foster, Foute, Garrett, Gilmore, Hall, Hansford, Heisey, Herndon, Hills, Horner, Hunt, Hyneman, Kennedy, Krogman, Langdon, Layton, Lockett, McLain, Marley, Moore of Pennsylvania, Moore of Texas, Morgan, Parker, Remington, Rich, E. C. Robinson, J. H. Robinson, Senter, Shackelford, Stetson, Stockbridge, Strong, Stuart, Tower, Vansant, Wallace, Webster, White, Williams, Wolford, Woolsey, Wright—63.

Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions to whom was referred the petition of a Committee of Pacific Lodge, No. 2, I. O. of O. F., Lahaina, Maui, Sandwich Islands, praying this body to "remit for the present the per centage due the Grand Lodge by them, which amount is now in the hands of the D. D. Grand Sire." Also, the petition of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, asking "to be relieved from a claim against them for representative tax for 1855," and further "to be relieved from the charge for a charter under which the Grand Lodge of Canada West is now working," feel constrained to report adversely to these petitions. They respectfully submit the accompanying resolutions:

Resolved, That the application of Pacific Lodge, No. 2, Sandwich Islands, praying a remission of dues, be denied.

Resolved, That the application of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, "to be relieved from a claim against them for representation tax for 1855," and further "to be relieved from the charge for a charter under which the Grand Lodge is now working," be denied.

H. G. STETSON,
ISAAC M. TUCKER,
WILLIAM GARRETT,
WM. H. REMINGTON.

Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of Bro. C. C. Hewett and others, asking for the appointment of a District

Deputy Grand Sire for the Territory of Washington, respectfully report that Article 18 of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge regulates entirely the appointment of such officers, and that no action is necessary on the part of the Grand Lodge.

ISAAC M. TUCKER,
H. G. STETSON,
WILLIAM GARRETT,
W. H. REMINGTON.

Rep. **Thayer, of South Carolina, submitted** the following proceedings, which were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS it has pleased Divine Providence to remove from us by death our highly esteemed and beloved Bro. John A. Gyles, P. G. Patriarch, P. G. Secretary, and late Grand Representative of South Carolina; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Representatives of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States sympathize with the jurisdiction of South Carolina in the death of their distinguished brother, and that our sympathy be extended to the family and orphans of our late brother in the deep affliction and the irreparable loss they have sustained.

Resolved, That a copy of the above be transmitted to the family of our deceased brother, and to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of South Carolina.

Rep. English, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be requested to report upon the propriety of having the Digest of the Laws of this Grand Lodge translated into the German language, and, if they deem the same expedient, to report a law for printing the proper number of copies thereof.

Rep. Caldwell, of North Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be required to report to this Grand Body the expediency of allowing Subordinate Lodges to hold their meetings once per month instead of once per week.

Rep. Butt, of Georgia, under instructions from the Grand Lodge of Georgia, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That our R. W. Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be and they are hereby requested to bring before that body the propriety of restoring the old work of the Order.

The Chair named the following as the Committee on Unfinished Business of the last session: Reps. Horner, of Arkansas, Birchard, of Wisconsin, and Caldwell, of North Carolina.

On motion of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

GEORGE W. RACE, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, presiding.
E. C. ROBINSON, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *pro tem.*
JAS. L. RIDGELY, R. W. G. Cor. and Recording Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. REUBEN JONES, R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JAMES W. HALE, R. W. Grand Marshal.
SOLOMON H. LEWYT, W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, W. Grand Messenger.

And a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Reuben Jones, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. Morgan, of Northern New York, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the special order for this time, viz. the following resolution

Resolved, That on Wednesday, the 17th instant, this Grand Lodge will, immediately after the opening of its session, proceed to appoint by ballot a Special Committee of five, whose duty it shall be to report a revision of the work and lectures of the Patriarchal and Subordinate Lodge Degrees.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, moved to reconsider the vote had on yesterday adopting the resolution under consideration.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, to reconsider, it was adopted.

The question being on the resolution under consideration—

Rep. Langdon, of Southern New York, moved to postpone the whole subject indefinitely.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved to lay the subject on the table, and the question being on the motion to lay on the table, it was agreed to.

Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, presented an appeal from General Marion Lodge, No. 6, of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the per diem for this and subsequent sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States be three dollars, and that all laws contravening the same be and are hereby repealed.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved to strike out the words "and subsequent."

Rep. Strong, of Mississippi, moved further to amend by adding the following: "and that the mileage of members for this session be rated at five cents per mile."

Rep. Vansant, of Maryland, moved to refer the whole subject to the Committee on Finance, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Strong, of Mississippi, it was agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, it was adopted.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Adams of Kentucky, Booth, (2 votes,) Buckingham, Birchard, Clark, Coats, Cook, Craighead, (2 votes,) Curtis, Dearborn, Dwinelle, English, (2 votes,) Evans, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, Foster, Foute, Gilmore, Heisey, Herndon, Hills, Horner, Hyneman, Krogman, Lockett, McLain, Mitchell, Moore of Pennsylvania, Moore of Texas, Morgan, (2 votes,) Parker, Potter, Prall, E. C Robinson, J. H. Robinson, Senter, Shackelford, Starr, (2 votes,) Stetson, Strong, Thayer, Wallace, White, (2 votes,) Wolford, Wright—51.

NAYS.—Adams of Georgia, Askew, Barnard of Alabama, Barry, Boylston, Burbank, Butt, Caldwell, (2 votes,) Carr, Cassedy, Clayton, Conley, Eckel, Edwards, Ellis, Garrett, Hall, Hansford, Hodgson, Kennedy, Langdon, Layton, Marley, Pruett, Prime, Remington, Rich, Stockbridge, Straw, Stuart, Vansant, Veitch, Webster, Whitaker, (2 votes,) Williams, Woolsey—38.

Rep. Coats, of Ohio, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials, to whom was referred the credentials of G. M. James Phelps, from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, respectfully report that said credentials are in proper form and that said brother is entitled to a seat upon this floor.

E. C. ROBINSON.
WM. CURTIS,
PAXSON COATS.

Rep. Parker, of California, from the committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to which was referred the annual report of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein to appropriate committees, beg leave to recommend—

That so much of the report as relates to the price of the revised journal be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That so much as recommends an appropriation to compensate Past Grand Sire Moore for his services in preparing the index to the last volume of the proceedings be referred to the same committee.

That so much as relates to the revenue and finances of the Grand Lodge be referred to the same committee.

That so much as relates to the services of Past Grand Horace Brooks be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

S. H. PARKER,
TRACY R. MORGAN,
S. B. KROGMAN.

On motion of Rep. Parker, of California, the rule was suspended, and the report considered and adopted.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the amendments to the Constitution proposed at the last communication be made the special order of business for this day at half-past twelve o'clock.

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of Pacific Lodge, No. 2, located at Lahaini, beg leave to report, that after a careful examination they find the same to agree in all its essential provisions with the constitution and laws of your Right Worthy Grand Body. Having, however, adopted and forwarded a printed constitution of a lodge under the jurisdiction of some local Grand Lodge, changing only the name, number, &c., and as said lodge is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and not of a local Grand Lodge, your committee recommend that Pacific Lodge, No. 2, be required so to amend the phraseology of its Constitution as to make it conform more particularly to the relation said Lodge sustains to this body. Your committee therefore recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That upon a compliance with the above requirement by said lodge, the Constitution of Pacific Lodge, No. 2, at Lahaini, be approved.

E. H. BARRY,
W. H. H. PRALL,
M. PRIME.

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions have examined the amendment presented to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and recommend the approval of the same.

E. H. BARRY,
W. H. H. PRALL,
D. B. BOOTH,
W. A. STRONG,
M. PRIME.

Rep. Prime, of Maine, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendments adopted by the Grand Encampment of Louisiana to the consti-

tution of that Grand Body, have had the same under consideration, and, as said amendments relate only to the changing the time of holding the sessions of said Grand Body, respectfully submit the following and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That the amendments of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, changing the time of holding its sessions, passed July 15th, 1856, be and the same are hereby approved.

E. H. BARRY,
W. H. H. PRALL,
D. B. BOOTH,
W. A. STRONG,
M. PRIME.

Rep. Strong, of Mississippi, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions would beg leave to report that they have examined the constitution and by-laws of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, referred to them; that they find them correct and in accordance with the rules of this Grand Lodge.

They recommend that said constitution and by-laws be approved, and that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolved, That the constitution and by-laws of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee be approved

E. H. BARRY,
W. A. STRONG,
D. B. BOOTH,
W. H. H. PRALL,
M. PRIME.

Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS there are in the hands of the Grand Secretary several hundred copies (unbound) of the "Covenant," which are no more valuable to this Grand Lodge than so much waste paper; therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to present one copy thereof to each member of this Grand Lodge, who may apply for the same.

The Grand Secretary presented the following Supplementary Report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts by the Grand Secretary, after the close of his Annual Report, up to and inclusive of the 16th of September*, 1856.

GRAND LODGES.	Cards.	Books.	Diplomas.	Odes.	Representative Tax.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Massachusetts	.....	.....	.....	.....	$100 00	.....	$100 00
Pennsylvania	.....	$94 00	.....	$6 00	.....	.....	100 00
District of Columbia	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	100 00
Ohio	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Delaware	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00
Kentucky	$150 00	36 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	186 00
Missouri	50 00	60 00	.....	15 00	.....	.....	125 00
Tennessee	25 00	24 00	.....	.....	100 00	.....	149 00
Rhode Island	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	50 00
Maine	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	100 00
Wisconsin	40 00	48 00	25 00	.....	100 00	.....	213 00
Vermont	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	50 00
Iowa	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 00	.....	45 00
Arkansas	.....	14 00	.....	.....	50 00	5 40	69 40
Northern New York	300 00	.....	.....	.....	100 00	.....	400 00
Minnesota	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	.....	50 00
	$565 00	$282 00	$25 00	$21 00	$845 00	$5 40	$1743 40

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts by the Grand Secretary after the close of his Annual Report, up to and inclusive of the 16th of September*, 1856.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Maryland	.....	.....	.....	$100 00	$100 00
Massachusetts	.....	.....	.....	50 00	50 00
District of Columbia	.....	.....	.....	50 00	50 00
New Jersey	.....	.....	.....	50 00	50 00
Ohio	.....	.....	$10 00	.....	10 00
Kentucky	.....	$80 00	44 00	.....	124 00
Mississippi	.....	.....	48 00	50 00	98 00
Alabama	.....	.....	.....	50 00	50 00
South Carolina	$4 00	.....	.....	50 00	54 00
Tennessee	.....	31 00	.....	50 00	81 00
Southern New York	.....	.....	.....	50 00	50 00
Rhode Island	.....	.....	.....	50 00	50 00
Wisconsin	.....	.....	.....	50 00	50 00
	$4 00	$111 00	$102 00	$600 00	$817 00

Ascutney Encampment, No. 2, Vermont, Dues, $2 00.

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Supplies on hand September 17, 1855, *amount received since, amount sold during the year, and amount on hand.*

	Cards.	Degree of Rebekah.	Charge Books.	Degree Books.	Grand Encampment Books.	Sub. Encampment Books.	Institution Books.	Grand Lodge Books.	Diplomas.	Odes.	Revised Journal.	Digested Index.	Forms for Degree Lodges.
On hand Sept. 17, '55	26519	1246	891	655	75	748	440	91	89	5616	385	543	646
Rec'd during the year	26000		1000	1000		36							
Total. . . .	52519	1246	1891	1655	75	784	440	91	89	5616	385	543	646
Sold during the year.	42974	336	677	384	12	194	32	4	89	5555	104	414	350
On hand Sept. 17, '56	9545	910	1214	1271	63	590	408	87		61	281	129	296

AMOUNT OF SUPPLIES *sold from Sept.* 17*th*, 1855, *to Sept.* 17*th*, 1856, *showing cost of articles, selling price, and profits.*

Number of each article sold.		Sold for.	Cost price.	Profit.
Cards, 42,940		$4,294 00	$537 18	$3,756 62
Degree of Rebekah, 336		336 00	50 40	285 60
Degree books sold,.....380 Furnished new Lodges,.....4	384	760 00	80 64	679 36
Charge books sold,.....673 Furnished new Lodges,.....4	677	1,346 00	143 40	1,202 60
Encampment books, 194		388 00	55 96	332 04
Odes, 5,555		166 65	111 10	55 55
Grand Lodge books sold,.....3 Furnished Grand Lodge of Oregon,....1	4	3 00	60	2 40
Institution books sold,.....31 Furnished D. D. Grand Sires,.....1	32	31 00	4 80	26 20
Forms for Degree Lodges, 350		7 00	3 50	3 50
Grand Encampment books, 12		12 00		12 00
Revised Journal sold,.....46 Per resolution G. L. U. S.....58	104	230 00		
Digested Index sold,.....345 Per resolution G. L. U. S.....69	414	345 00		
Diplomas sold,.....157 Per resolution G. L. U. S.....42	*199	157 00	49 75	107 25
		$8,075 65	$1,037 33	$6,463 32

*110 old condemned ones sold

TOTAL RECEIPTS

Books	Statement	$2,937 00
	Supplmentary	384 00
Cards	Statement	3,629 50
	Supplementary	676 00
Representative Tax	Statement	3,305 00
	Supplementary	1,445 00
Balance	Statement	2,117 32
	Supplementary	4 00
Odes	Statement	143 40
	Supplementary	21 00
Charters	Statement	60 00
Dues	Statement	124 60
	Supplementary	2 00
Miscellaneous	Statement	61 71
	Supplementary	5 40
Diplomas	Statement	132 00
	Supplementary	25 00
		$15,072 93

Amount of Money received for the Wildey Annuity, *from September 18th, 1855, to September 15th, 1856.*

Grand Lodge of Missouri	$40 00
Grand Lodge of Maryland	40 00
Grand Lodge of Illinois	40 00
Grand Lodge of Michigan	30 00
Grand Lodge of South Carolina	40 00
	$190 00

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. and R. Sec'y.*

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1856.

LODGES.	No. of Lodges.	No. of initiations.	No. of rejections.	No. admitted by card.	No. withdrawn by card.	No. of reinstatements.	No. of suspensions.
G. L. Maryland	83	920	132	141	195	87	881
G. L. Massachusetts	86	236	10	34	96	27	370
G. L. S. New York	155	460	26	187	201	59	1692
G. L. Pennsylvania	508	4114	478	401	917	316	3741
G. L. D. of Columbia	13	165	7	29	28	11	90
G. L. Delaware	25	174	20	17	31	11	1
G. L. Ohio	294	2589	300	743	1101	98	164
G. L. Louisiana	35	239	23	59	175	39	271
G. L. New Jersey	107	341	30	34	68	48	668
G. L. Kentucky	119	630	60	143	257	27	240
G. L. Virginia	110	548	52	95	235	83	242
G. L. Indiana	172	1271	116	402	595	43	238
G. L. Mississippi	55	208	31	96	182	51	163
G. L. Missouri	92	670	90	189	307	42	201
G. L. Illinois	210	2108	167	622	688	94	351
G. L. Alabama	49	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Connecticut	51	127	.....	18	70	17	455
G. L. Texas	58	292	36	108	129	21	107
G. L. South Carolina	25	197	15	22	76	8	72
G. L. Tennessee	94	382	60	117	178	51	214
G. L. North Carolina	51	131	23	20	73	5	93
G. L. Georgia	39	95	9	16	30	5	126
G. L. Maine	46	30	6	6	7	.....	140
G. L. Rhode Island	16	27	1	8	2	4	100
G. L. N. Hampshire	36	216	3	27	23	1	117
G. L. Michigan	57	272	38	74	64	33	295
G. L. Wisconsin	89	376	43	94	147	19	189
G. L. Vermont	22	90	5	8	38	3	85
G. L. Iowa	92	850	103	334	205	20	103
G. L. Arkansas	13	38	13	15	39	6	23
G. L. N. New York	489	1354	105	171	338	204	3268
G. L. Florida	9	21	2	7	24	4	44
G. L. California	59	770	44	388	358	27	223
G. L. Minnesota	7	20	6	19	9	1	3
G. L. Lower Provinces	4	13	.....	.....	4	.....	.....
G. L. Canada West	13	171	18	11	21	.....	38
G. L. Oregon*	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sandwich Island†	2	16	3	.....	7	1	.....
New Mexico‡	2	.....	.....	2	2	.....	1
Canada East*	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nebraska Territory	3	37	7	19	10	.....	1
Washington Territory	1	15	2	4	.....	.....	.....
	3397	20,206	2084	4681	6870	1466	15,010

* No report. † One report each. ‡ Only one report.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1856, *continued.*

LODGES.	No. of expulsions.	No. of deaths.	No. of members.	No. of brothers relieved.	No. of widowed families relieved.	Amount paid for the relief of brothers.
G. L. Maryland	14	156	12,906	2288	236	$30,389 11
G. L. Massachusetts	5	69	6238	474	127	12,235 00
G. L. S. New York	21	130	11,087	1616	462	31,707 85
G. L. Pennsylvania	78	476	43,114	6251	551	92,082 67
G. L. Dis. of Columbia	1	17	1370	369	38	3,169 00
G. L. Delaware	3	30	2085	336	23	4,547 79
G. L. Ohio	726	178	20,653	2865	205	35,970 10
G. L. Louisiana	193	61	2719	221	66	5,907 64
G. L. New Jersey	22	38	5914	710	63	11,464 98
G. L. Kentucky	35	64	5235	292	80	9,642 21
G. L. Virginia	474	149	6483	850	115	8,921 28
G. L. Indiana	61	98	8282	1311	44	16,023 92
G. L. Mississippi	60	52	1854	83	8	1,964 05
G. L. Missouri	20	34	3790	228	63	3,880 20
G. L. Illinois	211	66	9832	486	62	6,807 16
G. L. Alabama	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Connecticut	7	24	2964	278	22	5,966 47
G. L. Texas	16	21	1571	84	3	1,056 30
G. L. South Carolina	29	11	1696	295	69	4,875 18
G. L. Tennessee	102	27	5100	112	.....	890 00
G. L North Carolina	67	16	1473	97	5	758 10
G. L. Georgia	4	19	913	101	8	1,731 00
G. L. Maine	1	16	2406	135	10	3,010 00
G. L. Rhode Island	12	4	953	69	20	2,136 46
G. L. New Hampshire	20	16	2243	131	5	2,953 60
G. L. Michigan	5	28	2521	100	13	1,392 27
G. L. Wisconsin	107	9	3207	62	8	1,087 62
G. L. Vermont	9	6	786	43	1	640 20
G. L. Iowa	22	9	3726	150	16	1,662 00
G. L. Arkansas	7	9	392	.....	.....	.....
G. L. N. New York	37	110	18,171	1350	151	18,975 89
G. L. Florida	3	4	308	29	2	354 50
G. L. California	11	22	2514	223	14	13,326 48
G. L. Minnesota	1	.....	254	4	.....	51 00
G. L. Lower Provinces	.....	.....	130	.....	1	.....
G. L. Canada West	20	2	605	.....	.....	254 20
G. L Oregon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sandwich Islands	.....	.....	60	.....	.....	.....
New Mexico	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Canada East	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nebraska Territory	.....	.....	41	.....	.....	.....
Washington Territory	.....	.....	27	.....	.....	.....
	2404	1971	193,614	21,743	2491	$335,834 23

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1856, *continued.*

LODGES.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.	Amount paid for the education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount of the annual receipts.
G. L. Maryland	$18,768 41	$2,253 37	$9,290 33	$87,195 06
G. L. Massachusetts	3,495 51	81 29	1,994 30	17,942 08
G. L. S. New York	6,927 33	542 00	5,265 75	82,769 43
G. L. Pennsylvania	6,590 34	174 27	20,919 46	221,624 45
G. L. Dis. of Columbia	740 56	590 95	475 25	7,711 12
G. L. Delaware	264 82	5 25	945 39	9,672 89
G. L. Ohio	3,659 68	53 31	6,245 77	120,702 33
G. L. Louisiana	3,864 85	246 48	3,362 70	35,482 56
G. L. New Jersey	1,095 82	420 67	1,476 88	35,142 84
G. L. Kentucky	1,329 38	394 40	2,655 55	38,438 48
G. L. Virginia	8,126 17	1,096 94	4,556 67	28,621 91
G. L. Indiana	509 34	914 19	3,661 50	83,276 95
G. L. Mississippi	189 74	217 61	1,123 85	14,161 24
G. L. Missouri	3,353 71	1,104 25	1,290 20	32,679 54
G. L. Illinois	1,265 75	176 99	1,333 91	69,985 89
G. L. Alabama	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Connecticut	479 47	33 07	567 50	17,682 63
G. L. Texas	172 05	51 00	311 00	13,339 92
G. L. South Carolina	4,254 26	1,447 92	1,522 50	17,124 58
G. L. Tennessee	400 00	.....	.....	22,474 00
G. L North Carolina	132 25	343 11	360 00	7,602 46
G. L. Georgia	220 00	.....	393 00	5,262 72
G. L. Maine	202 00	.....	320 00	5,410 00
G. L. Rhode Island	731 37	2 41	168 10	5,491 91
G. L. New Hampshire	49 00	.....	709 00	.....
G. L. Michigan	284 50	.....	261 50	10,129 48
G. L. Wisconsin	116 00	39 50	298 17	11,449 87
G. L. Vermont	10 00	.....	240 00	3,293 70
G. L. Iowa	416 00	24 00	280 00	23,437 00
G. L. Arkansas	.....	.....	.....	2,815 92
G. L. N. New York	2,555 47	269 76	3,197 56	73,790 41
G. L. Florida	227 03	107 14	164 25	2,181 67
G. L. California	1,205 08	73 45	1,137 57	69,904 13
G. L. Minnesota	.....	.....	.....	776 35
G. L. Lower Provinces	80 00	.....	.....	711 20
G. L. Canada West	.....	.....	45 00	356 64
G. L Oregon	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sandwich Islands	.....	.....	.....	650 75
New Mexico	.....	.....	.....	194 00
Canada East	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nebraska Territory	.....	.....	.....	418 61
Washington Territory	.....	.....	.....	420 50
	$71,715 99	$10,663 33	$74,572 66	$1,180,325 22

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June 30, 1856.*

ENCAMPMENTS.	No. of Subordinates.	No. of initiations.	No. of rejections.	No. admitted by card.	No. withdrawn by card.	No. of reinstatements.	No. of suspensions.	No. of expulsions.	No. of deaths.	No. of members.	No. of Patriarchs relieved.
G. E. Maryland.....	11	77	4	7	5	3	70	1	12	1502	347
G. E. Pennsylvania.....	95	407	16	19	42	20	238	4	67	6318	683
G. E. S. New York.....	18	35	2	3	8	2	71	....	8	583	45
G. E. Ohio.....	68	578	21	68	153	13	10	103	43	4089	424
G. E. New Jersey*.....	18	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. Virginia.....	33	100	4	7	21	4	16	42	47	1240	147
G. E. South Carolina...	4	14	..	2	12	..	1	2	3	151	.....
G. E. Massachusetts....	17	39	2	5	15	2	61	1	7	953	72
G. E. Kentucky.....	29	90	3	12	28	2	16	1	10	721	44
G. E. Maine.....	10	4	..	....	2	..	12	1	1	217	17
G. E. New Hampshire...	6	22	..	1	2	..	4	1	5	290	13
G. E. Mississippi.....	14	34	2	2	17	..	7	1	3	253	5
G. E. Dis. of Columbia..	4	23	1	4	6	2	21	....	1	312	49
G. E. Tennessee.....	19	70	2	5	18	..	39	3	3	459	2
G. E. North Carolina*...	11	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. Georgia.....	8	17	..	1	2	..	5	....	5	159	12
G. E. Louisiana.....	9	25	2	1	43	3	72	24	11	408	15
G. E. Alabama.....	4	11	1	3	8	..	....	1	3	160	7
G. E. Indiana.....	51	252	10	39	59	1	13	9	19	1715	179
G. E. Illinois.....	31	171	6	7	38	1	14	1	4	627	.....
G. E. Michigan.....	5	27	..	....	....	..	5	....	3	225	3
G. E. Rhode Island.....	6	2	..	1	....	..	46	6	1	235	6
G. E. Delaware.....	6	30	..	....	1	..	10	1	3	297	31
G. E. Connecticut.....	10	22	..	2	....	1	32	....	1	258	8
G. E. Missouri.....	17	72	2	3	17	7	17	1	4	420	8
G. E. N. New York....	72	155	3	6	34	13	249	1	6	1250	46
G. E. Iowa.....	13	57	..	10	5	4	6	1	1	243	1
G. E. Wisconsin*.....	10	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. California.....	8	88	2	18	71	2	32	3	1	253	26
G, E. Texas.....	13	16	1	4	23	1	6	....	4	218	4
Arkansas†.....	5	1	..	....	....	..	2	....	1	42	2
Vermont.....	2	4	..	10	....	..	....	....	....	109	.....
Florida*.....	1	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	.....	.....
Minnesota*.....	1	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	.....	.....
New Mexico*.....	1	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	.....	.....
Sandwich Islands‡.....	1	1	..	....	2	..	....	....	....	24	.....
Low. Provinces B. N. A.‡	1	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	18	.....
	612	2444	84	240	652	81	1075	208	277	23,749	2196

* No report. † Only two Encampments reported. ‡ Reported for only six months.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June 30, 1856, continued.*

ENCAMPMENTS.	No. of widowed families relieved.	Amount paid for the relief of Patriarchs.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.	Amount paid for the education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount of the annual receipts.
G. E. Maryland.....	12	$4,511 00	$11 00	.....	$520 00	$7,938 69
G. E. Pennsylvania.....	21	10,724 39	498 75	$83 00	2,153 00	23,378 80
G. E. S. New York.....	2	962 50	33 00	.....	112 50	2,691 25
G. E. Ohio	12	5,544 70	157 00	.....	749 00	20,103 07
G. E. New Jersey.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Virginia	19	1,758 00	928 50	.....	732 00	4,495 10
G. E. South Carolina....	....	.....	40 00	.....	.....	110 00
G. E. Massachusetts....	....	1,444 46	142 00	.....	90 00	3,741 19
G. E. Kentucky.....	1	614 00	11 50	.....	25 00	2,838 47
G. E. Maine.....	....	256 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. New Hampshire..	....	125 00	.....	.....	.....	446 74
G. E. Mississippi.....	....	109 00	.....	.....	30 00	1,745 80
G. E. Dis. of Columbia..	1	378 00	5 00	.....	30 00	1,164 44
G. E. Tennessee	....	102 00	.....	.....	.....	2,376 50
G. E. North Carolina....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Georgia.....	....	132 00	.....	.....	60 00	487 65
G. E. Louisiana.....	2	257 00	100 00	.....	20 00	2,493 78
G. E. Alabama.....	2	108 00	40 00	.... .	40 00	795 33
G. E. Indiana.....	2	1,565 00	40 00	.....	255 00	8,769 25
G. E. Illinois.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,828 84
G. E. Michigan	....	3 44	... .	.....	.....	553 00
G. E. Rhode Island.....	....	81 84	... .	.....	20 00	800 00
G. E. Delaware	....	296 00	.....	.....	70 00	726 60
G. E. Connecticut.....	....	119 00	.....	.....	15 00	775 50
G. E. Missouri.....	....	88 00	.....	.... .	7 50	2,231 14
G. E. N. New York.....	2	826 06	32 00	10 00	20 00	3,622 00
G. E. Iowa	....	16 00	.....	.....	.....	950 00
G. E. Wisconsin.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. California.....	....	613 00	.....	.....	112 00	5,120 52
G. E. Texas	....	35 00	.....	.....	.....	1,333 48
Arkansas.....	....	24 00	.....	.....	.....	209 75
Vermont.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Florida.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Minnesota.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Mexico.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sandwich Islands.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	103 25
Lower Provinces B. N. A.	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18 00
	77	$30,693 39	2,038 75	$93 00	5,061 00	102,868 14

The Grand Treasurer presented the following Supplementary Report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

I have the honor to submit the annexed supplementary report, showing the receipts and disbursements since the regular annual report, presented on the first day of the session of the Grand Lodge:

1856.	Dr.		
Sept. 12.	Balance in hand as per report this date,		$7,890 83
" 16.	Received from Grand Secretary Ridgely,		2,362 40
" 16.	Received from Grand Lodge of Maine, in payment of note and interest,		127 17
			$10,380 40
1856.	Cr.		
Sept. 13.	No. 1—Grand Mes. Chamberlain, postage, &c.,	$ 20 88	
" 16.	No. 2—Painting portrait of P. G. S. DeSaussure,	120 00	
			140 88
	Cash balance in hand,		$10,239 52

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer.*

SEPTEMBER 16, 1856.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the returns of the several Grand and Subordinate Bodies under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States for examination, beg leave to offer the following report:

Your committee have had before them returns from Grand Lodges, 34; Grand Encampments, 28; Subordinate Lodges, 7; Subordinate Encampments, 5.

The returns from the following Grand Lodges are correct, viz: Maryland, Massachusetts, Southern New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, District of Columbia, Delaware, Louisiana, New Jersey, Virginia, Indiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Illinois, Connecticut, Texas, Tennessee, Maine, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Wisconsin, Vermont, Arkansas, Northern New York, Florida, California, Minnesota, Canada West, and Georgia.

The returns from the following Grand Lodges are incomplete in certain particulars, viz: Kentucky, deficient returns from 34; South Carolina, from 2; North Carolina, no returns from 9, and partial ones from 7; Michigan, returns from but half her number; and Iowa, from 20 Subordinate Lodges.

The returns from the following Grand Encampments are correct, viz: District of Columbia, Kentucky, Delaware, Georgia, Louisiana, New Hampshire, California, Indiana, Missouri, Iowa, Southern New York, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Texas, Northern New York, South Carolina, Rhode Island, Illinois, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Tennessee.

The returns from the following Grand Encampments are incomplete, viz: Wisconsin, no items given, reason assigned being the few returns made and languishing condition of this branch of the Order; Ohio, deficient returns from 14, and Alabama, from a majority of her subordinates; Maine, amount of receipts not given, as no reports from subordinates thereon, and Maryland, the caption not filled out with the name of the body and time for which report was made.

The returns from the Subordinate Lodges are as follows: Frontier Lodge, No. 36, June 30, '56; Montezuma, No. 1, to Dec. 31, '55; Omaha, No. 3, to June 30, '56, correct; Excelsior, No. 1, and Pacific, No. 2, unaccompanied with dues; Olympia, No. 1, to Dec. 31, '55, not signed by the Noble Grand; and Nebraska, No. 1, to Dec. 31, '55, lacking seal of the lodge, to July 1, '56, correct.

The returns from the Subordinate Encampments are as follows: Eagle Encampment, No. 1; Fort Smith, No. 3; Ascutney, No. 2, to Dec. 31, '55, to June 30, '56, are correct; Polynesia, No. 1, to Dec. 1, '54, correct; and Green Mountain, No. 3, incomplete, no receipts stated, unaccompanied with dues, and returns not in form prescribed.

WILLIAM THAYER,
S. B. STRAW,
JNO. W. HODGSON,
H. L. WEBSTER,
THOS. SHACKELFORD.

Rep. McLain, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS it is not only proper and expedient that the daughters of Rebekah be allowed to be present at the installation of the officers of Subordinate Lodges, but eminently due to them as an integral part of our Order; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be requested and instructed to report a law at the present session making it legal for the daughters of Rebekah to be present at the installation of the officers of Subordinate Lodges.

Rep. Hills, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That members of Subordinate Lodges suspended indefinitely for non-payment of dues should not be permitted to reinstate themselves by their own act only, but lodges should be allowed to exercise a discretion as to their reinstatement under such regulations as their State jurisdictions may impose

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the laws of the Grand Lodge imperatively require the Noble Grand of a Lodge always when present at its meetings to preside, and the Vice Grand to act as Noble Grand in the absence of that officer, and that a Noble Grand, or a Vice Grand acting as Noble Grand, has not the right or power to waive his rank and place a Past Grand in the Noble Grand's chair during the presence in the lodge room of either of the first two officers above named; provided that this decision is not to be considered as applicable to a temporary absence during a portion of a lodge meeting of those officers.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is hereby instructed to obtain the names and post office addresses of the Grand Patriarchs and Grand Scribes of the State and Territorial Grand Encampments, and of the Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of the State and Territorial Grand Lodges, and have a list of the same printed and appended to the proceedings of this session of the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of facilitating the correspondence which is necessarily had between the different State and Territorial Grand Bodies, and to remedy the inconvenience now experienced for want of this information in a tangible and reliable shape.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That, for the purpose of obtaining a full, definite, and decided expression of the views of the entire Order upon the subject of a mergement of Subordinate Encampments and Lodges, this Grand Lodge hereby invites the opinion of its subordinates upon the question of whether a mergement shall or shall not take place; and the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments under this jurisdiction are respectfully requested to indicate their decision by resolutions, to be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of the United States at its next annual session.

Rep. Foute, of Mississippi, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Lockett, of Texas, moved indefinitely to postpone the subject.

Rep. Williams, of New Hampshire, moved the previous question, which, being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey?" which was resolved in the negative.

The hour of eleven o'clock having arrived, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the special order fixed for that time, as follows:

Resolved, That the several State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodges have jurisdiction over all suspended members residing within their territorial limits, and may prescribe the terms upon which they may be admitted to membership.

The Chair ruled the resolution out of order, as in conflict with article xvi, section 4, of the Constitution, which is in the following words:

"A member of the Order, suspended or expelled from a lodge or encampment in any State, District or Territory, shall not be admitted to membership in a lodge or encampment in another State, District, or Territory without the previously obtained consent of the lodge or encampment from which he is suspended or expelled."

Rep. Dwinelle, of California, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That although this Grand Lodge, in view of the calamities with which our brethren in Norfolk have recently been afflicted, has thought proper to accept their invitation to attend the dedication of their new hall in that city on the 18th instant, still this action is not to be construed as a precedent, as this Grand Lodge, being assembled for the dispatch of business, feels itself bound to discourage such and similar invitations, and always, except on peculiar and extraordinary occasions, will decline accepting them.

Rep. Adams, of Georgia, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was not adopted.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Dwinelle, of California, it was agreed to.

Rep. English, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Appeals, made following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals report that the appeal of Bro. James Burke, of Harrodsburg, Kentucky, from the action of the Grand Lodge of that State, is defective in form. The law of this body (page 2499 Journal of 1855) prescribes the form in which all appeal papers shall be presented. The paper in question, therefore, cannot be entertained. The committee submit the following:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

WM. ENGLISH,
J. A. KENNEDY,
C. R. HANSFORD,
W. H. FOSTER,
CHAS. E. BUCKINGHAM.

On motion of Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered.

Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, moved to recommit the report to the committee, with instructions to report upon the merits of the case, notwithstanding the informality of the printed form of the appeal, the same having been printed before the passage of the law prescribing the new form. The motion to recommit was agreed to.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the reports of the R. W. Grand Secretary and R. W. Grand Treasurer, submit the following report:

Your committee have examined the books and accounts of the officers above named, and find them correctly kept and properly vouched. The financial condition of this R. W. Grand Body is as follows, viz:

Balance of cash in hands of Grand Treasurer, as per report of last year,			$9,464 84
Error corrected in last year's report,			3 00
Cash received of Grand Secretary, to September 16, inclusive,	$15,072 93		
Received for $3,274 46 Maryland State Stock, sold by order of Grand Lodge,	3,446 37		
Interest received on Maryland State Stock,	46 12		
Received of Grand Lodge of Maine, note,	100 00	127 17	
Interest on notes	27 17		
			28,160 43

The Treasurer has paid to the above date sundry bills and orders amounting to.....		17,920 91
Leaving a balance of cash in his hands of.....		$10,239 52

The Assets and Resources are as follows:

Cash as per statement,.....		$10,239 52
Bond of Thomas Wildey, secured by mortgage of real estate in Baltimore and vicinity, payable at the decease of P. G. Sire Wildey, without interest,.....	6,235 41	
Four notes of the Grand Lodge of Maine—three of $100 each, and one of $52.62, payable in 5, 6, 7, and 8 years from Oct. 12, 1852, bearing interest at 6 per cent.....	352 62	
Three notes of the Grand Encampment of Maine—two of $50 each, and one of $41.15, payable in 3, 4, and 5 years from Sept. 6th, 1853, bearing six per cent. interest—the first note matured and not paid,.....	141 15	
		$6,729 18

Due from State and Subordinate Bodies.

Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, balance and books,.....	$ 46 00	
Grand Lodge of Minnesota, books, cards, &c.	104 50	
Grand Lodge of Oregon, charter and representative tax, 1856,.....	80 00	
Grand Lodge of Lower Provinces B. N. A. balance and representative tax, 1856,.....	130 00	
Grand Lodge of Canada West, balance and cards,.....	100 00	
Grand Encampment of North Carolina, balance and representative tax, 1856,.....	76 00	
Grand Encampment of Maine, representative tax, 1856,.....	50 00	
Grand Encampment of Rhode Island, books,.	6 00	
Grand Encampment of Michigan, balance and representative tax, 1856,.....	100 00	
Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, balance,..	60 49	
Chemeketa Lodge, No. 1, Oregon, dues.....	33 58	
Samaritan Lodge, No. 2, Oregon, dues,.....	36 40	
Oregon Lodge, No. 3, Oregon, dues,.....	25 41	
Albany Lodge, No. 4, Oregon, dues,.....	38 90	
Albion Lodge, No. 4, Quebec, dues,.....	16 50	
		$903 78
Due from individuals, as reported last session and considered unavailable for the present,.....		$796 30

Supplies on hand, at selling prices.

9545 cards, at 10 cents	$954	50	
910 Degree of Rebekah Books, $1	910	00	
1214 Charge Books, $2	2428	00	
1271 Degree Books, $2	2542	00	
63 Grand Encampment Books, $1	63	00	
590 Subordinate Encampment Books, $2	1180	00	
408 Institution Books, $1	408	00	
61 Odes, 3 cents	1	83	
281 Revised Journals, $5	1405	00	
1000 Fourth volume Journal, at $1.66⅔	1666	66⅔	
129 Digested Index, $1	129	00	
296 Forms for Degree Lodges, 2 cents	5	92	
			11,779 91
Total assets,			$30,448 69

The committee recommend that the unavailable indebtedness of individuals, as reported last year, be closed on the books of the Grand Secretary, by carrying the same into one account, under the caption of "suspended debts." Should any of these items be hereafter collected, the account could be credited therewith. It is believed, however, that most, if not all of this indebtedness may be set down as lost.

The law requiring cash to accompany all orders for supplies should be strictly enforced. The observance of this wholesome regulation will prevent much trouble in keeping accounts, as well as place the treasury in a condition to meet the demands upon it.

The committee take pleasure in saying that every facility has been afforded them by the accounting officers in the discharge of the duty of examining and auditing the accounts. The books and accounts are kept in a manner at once simple and efficient; exhibiting every account clearly and perspicuously, rendering the duties of the committee a pleasure instead of a labor.

The following resolutions are submitted for consideration:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to carry all old and outstanding debts of individuals into one account, to be called "suspended debts," and to credit said account with such payments as may be hereafter made to it, and he be authorized to compromise all such claims on the best and most equitable terms.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed not to fill any orders for supplies from lodges or individuals unless the cash accompany such order in bankable par funds in the city of Baltimore.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge expresses its entire satisfaction at the able and efficient manner in which the accounting officers have discharged their several duties.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
B. CONLEY,
SAMUEL L. ADAMS,
P. K. HILLS,
JOHN G. CLAYTON.

On motion of Rep. Heisey, of Iowa, it was—

Resolved, That the Lodge assemble at the hall at 4½ o'clock, and move in procession, in regalia, to the steamboat for Norfolk, under the direction of the R. W. Grand Marshal.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns beg leave to report on the following returns referred to them for examination.

The return from the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces of British North America is correct and that of Mambertow Encampment, No. 9, Halifax, N. S., is incomplete, lacking signature of the High Priest and seal; the reason for the latter assigned is that the Encampment had not obtained one.

WILLIAM THAYER,
S. B. STRAW,
JNO. W. HODGSON,
H. L. WEBSTER,
THOS. SHACKELFORD.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee to which was referred the communication from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, praying this body to extend the term of service of the present Grand Officers and Grand Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky to the first Tuesday in November, ask leave to report—

That your committee do not clearly perceive whether the change in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky contemplates a suspension of the annual meeting of that Grand Lodge until November, 1857. They infer such to be the result, but have not the Constitution to refer to, to enable them to give their own construction to the language of the instrument as amended.

Assuming this construction to be the proper one, the committee report that the term of Grand Officers is subject to the regulation of the local body. But Grand Representatives are members of this body as well as of the State Grand Lodge. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States provides that the term of Grand Representatives shall be two years. This body has no power to extend such term without some modification of its fundamental law. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky must hold a special session to elect a Representative or provide for the filling of the vacancy which will occur before the next communication, in some other mode recognised by law.

R. B. BOYLSTON,
S. CRAIGHEAD,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE,
JOHN D. BUTT,
WM. CURTIS.

Rep. Buckingham, of Massachusetts, presented the amended constitution of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Grand Secretary as recommends a uniform price for the Revised Journal, beg leave to report that the committee concur in the views of the Grand Secretary; and, believing the price suggested, $5 per copy of three volumes, to be a fair price, would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the price of the Revised Journal be fixed at one dollar and sixty-six and two-thirds cents per volume.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
SAMUEL L. ADAMS,
B. CONLEY,
P. K. HILLS.

The Chair named the following as the special committee on the subject of the death of P. G. Sire Robert H. Griffin: Reps. Adams, of Georgia, Cassedy, of New Jersey, Tower, of Lousiana, Lockett, of Texas, J. H. Robinson, of Virginia.

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, the Lodge adjourned until 12½ o'clock.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for adjournment.

Present, the same Grand Officers and Representatives as of the morning session.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be requested to procure a correct portrait of P. G. Sire DeSaussure, under the order made at the last session of this body.

Leave of absence was granted to Rep. Cook, of Virginia, from and after this day.

The Lodge now proceeded to the special order of the day, to wit, instruction in the secret work.

After some hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of F. Knox Morton against the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, respectfully report: That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has provided in its constitution for the annual election of Grand Officers at a certain meeting

of the Subordinate Lodges, by the Past Grands of each Lodge. That in order to secure correct returns of the suffrages thus cast, in 1852, when this provision of the constitution was adopted, stringent regulations or by-laws were also adopted, prescribing the manner of nominating, electing, and returning the election of Grand Officers. In 1854 a portion of these regulations were found to be too stringent for a fair expression of the preferences of the Past Grands, and were modified. Under the former mode it was provided that, "as soon as the poll in each lodge is closed, the votes shall be counted, and the result, *together with the tally lists and ballots*, shall be certified forthwith by the Noble Grand and Secretary of each Lodge to the M. W. Grand Master, under seal, endorsed "*election returns from —— Lodge, No. —*," *and no return shall be valid unless all the provisions of this section be complied with.*" As modified, this portion of the by-law was made to read as follows: "As soon as the poll in each Lodge is closed, the votes shall be counted and the result shall be certified forthwith by the Noble Grand and Secretary of each Lodge, under the seal, to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge." Thus repealing all requirements for a return to the Grand Master of "the tally lists and ballots," as well as the endorsement of "election returns," &c., and the clause of strict observance, and substituting the Grand Secretary as the returning officer.

It appears that, in the case under consideration, by a ruling of the Grand Master the Grand Lodge was governed in the receipt of the election returns of 1856 by the law of 1852, excepting so much as relates to the tally lists and ballots, and the address to the M. W. Grand Master; and that under such ruling a portion of the returns addressed to Wm. Curtis, and to Wm. Curtis, Grand Secretary, were omitted from the general canvass because the envelopes in which they were transmitted were not endorsed "election returns," &c., as required by the repealed law, although formal in other respects; and thereupon F. Knox Morton was returned as duly elected Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge, when he was installed with the other Grand Officers.

Subsequently, during the same annual session of the Grand Lodge, the returns were again examined, and a committee reported that by including the returns properly signed and sealed, although not endorsed pursuant to the ruling of the Grand Master as above stated, F. Knox Morton was not elected to the office of Grand Treasurer, but that M. Richards Muckle had received a majority of the legal votes returned for that office. Whereupon the Grand Lodge adopted the following, by a vote by lodges, of 267 to 148:

"*Resolved*, That M. Richards Muckle having had a majority of legal votes polled, he is the Grand Treasurer elect of this Grand Lodge, and that the installation of F. Knox Morton is null and void, he not having been elected, and having been installed under protest."

After the adoption of which, M. Richards Muckle was installed into the office of Grand Treasurer by the Grand Master.

Against this last procedure, F. Knox Morton appeals.

Your committee have heard the parties by counsel, and have critically examined the facts and statements presented in the case, and although not concurring in the aggregate vote presented by the committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, as legally polled and returned, they regard all the votes regular, which, corresponding with the poll lists, were duly certified by the Noble Grand and Secretary under seal of the Lodge, and transmitted to the person holding the office of Grand Secretary at the time. By the admission of both parties such a canvass would stand thus:

For M. Richards Muckle, by tellers' return	1380	
" " " addressed W. Curtis, omitted by tel's.	14	
" " " " Grand Secretary " "	29	
		1423
For F. Knox Morton, by tellers' return	1396	
" " " addressed W. Curtis, omitted by tellers,	4	
" " " " Grand Secretary " "	6	
		1406
Majority for M. R. Muckle		17

As a consequence the installation of F. Knox Morton as Grand Treasurer, at the May session of 1856 of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was void in itself, he not having been elected to that office; and the installation of M. Richards Muckle at the same session into the office of Grand Treasurer was valid, he having been duly elected to that office.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in relation to the installation of M. Richards Muckle into the office of Grand Treasurer be and are hereby confirmed.

Resolved, That the appeal of F. Knox Morton be dismissed.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
W. H. FOSTER,
CHAS. E. BUCKINGHAM,
C. R. HANSFORD.

Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to which was referred a resolution from the Grand Lodge of Texas asking "that a law may be passed providing for the reconsideration of a ballot for a rejected candidate for membership when all the brothers depositing the black balls make such application," have had the subject under consideration, and find that the present law provides that no reconsideration of a ballot can be had. And it not unfrequently happens that brothers vote black balls on applicants for membership, and thereby deprive persons who would make worthy members from attaching themselves to our Order. We therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That a reconsideration of a ballot on an applicant for membership may be had, provided the same shall be made by the brothers voting the black balls, and a unanimous consent of the lodge being first obtained, and that the re-ballot shall take place at the next meeting of the lodge.

WM. CURTIS,
JOHN D. BUTT,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE,
S. CRAIGHEAD,
R. B. BOYLSTON.

Rep. Buckingham, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of James Burke *vs.* the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, report:

It appears that Bro. McLaughlin, being on trial on charges preferred against him in his Subordinate Lodge, confessed his guilt. The Lodge went into ballot for the punishment to be inflicted, which resulted in his expulsion. From this action of the Lodge appeal was taken, "on the ground that he was not expelled by a two-thirds vote, but by a majority only, on the sixth ballot." The Grand Lodge of Kentucky sustained the action of the Lodge, and granted the right to reinstate him, should the lodge deem it proper to do so.

Bro. Burke was granted permission to appeal from this decision to the Grand Lodge of the United States—

First. Because the brother had not a fair trial, inasmuch as in his absence Montgomery Lodge neglected to carry out the provisions of section 11, Kentucky code, for conducting trials, which provides, "if the brother should not appear the lodge shall appoint some capable member to act as his advocate."

Secondly. Because when the case came to the vote "all the different orders of punishment prescribed in the code were before the lodge at the same time, and the order for expulsion was kept open for several ballots," and McLaughlin was expelled by a majority vote on the sixth ballot.

Thirdly. That finding themselves in error, a lodge has the right to correct that error.

The first cause of appeal should be dismissed, because the brother having confessed his guilt it was not necessary to proceed with his trial.

The second cause of appeal is sufficient, because if a majority of the lodge voted against his expulsion upon the first ballot, that being the highest punishment known to the law, it was not competent for the lodge to entertain the question a second time.

The third cause of appeal does not appear by the record to have been presented to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, although a lodge has the right, and it is its duty, "to correct an error which it may have committed through ignorance."

It is upon the second ground of appeal that the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky in the case of McLaughlin *vs.* Montgomery Lodge, be reversed, and that it require Montgomery Lodge to give the brother a new trial.

WM. ENGLISH,
J. A. KENNEDY,
CHAS. E. BUCKINGHAM,
C. R. HANSFORD,
W. H. FOSTER.

Rep. Buckingham, of Massachusetts, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of General Marion Lodge *vs.* the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, respectfully report

That, from an examination of the various papers presented to them, it appears that this case originated in the claim of Bro. Cowan for benefits. The General Marion Lodge requires by its by-laws that in case of remote residence it is requisite for a sick member to "send to the lodge a certificate from a respectable and skillful physician, stating complaint, and the time of his indisposition, attested by the Noble Grand of some lodge of the Order, if there is one convenient, or of a justice of the peace, which certificate must be forwarded every two weeks." In this particular case there is evidence that Bro. Cowan was known by the lodge to be sick; that during a long time its officers were in constant attendance upon his wants; that the funds of the lodge were much reduced, and that they obtained perhaps from him a verbal consent to relinquish his benefits for six months. There is, however, no written evidence that he ever relinquished his claim. On the contrary there is evidence that he denied on a subsequent day that he ever did so. There is also written testimony that if he ever did consent to relinquish the claim, he was not at that time in a state of mind to know what he was saying. Even at the time of making his appeal to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, his condition was such as to make him incapable of writing, and the appeal was signed by his mark. The Grand Lodge, after examining the case, required by resolution that General Marion Lodge should pay to him all benefits due from July 17, 1853, to June 30, 1854.

The law of General Marion Lodge requiring certified notice of sickness to be sent once in two weeks, however good in its application to cases of temporary disability, could not apply to cases in which, by insanity or perhaps mental sickness, a brother is incapacitated from complying with it. This seems to have been the case with Bro. Cowan. He was suffering permanent injury, caused by falling into a pan of boiling sulphuric acid, and barely escaped with life. The lodge was fully aware of his condition, not only from having fre-

quently visited him, but also from the certificate of another lodge which took care of him a part of the time, and from the written statement concerning his bodily and mental condition sent to them by the physician, who made him more than daily visits.

The committee consider that in such case it is neither necessary nor possible for a brother to comply with the letter of the law every two weeks. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania tried the case through its appeal committee, and being fully possessed of the facts, by the large vote of 129 to 21, decided the claim for benefits to be just and equitable.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of General Marion Lodge be dismissed, and that the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be sustained.

CHAS. E. BUCKINGHAM,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
C. R. HANSFORD,
W. H. FOSTER.

On motion, the Lodge adjourned until Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

GEORGE W. RACE, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, presiding.
E. C. ROBINSON, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *pro tem.*
JAS. L. RIDGELY, R. W. G. Cor. and Recording Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. REUBEN JONES, R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JAMES W. HALE, R. W. Grand Marshal.
SOLOMON H. LEWYT, W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, W. Grand Messenger.
And a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Reuben Jones, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. McLain, of Ohio, the reading of the minutes of Wednesday was dispensed with.

Rep. Foster, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. T. J. Organ against the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of California, "allowing the Daughters of Rebekah to wear on their regalia *gold or silver trimming*," have had the case under careful examination and beg leave respectfully to report:

That the regalia to be worn by the Daughters of Rebekah is specifically described in the provisions of the Rebekah Degree, as found on the pages of the secret journal and printed in the degree book, and that the action of the Grand Lodge of California is irregular and in contravention of the provisions of the degree and the laws of the Order.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of P. G. T. J Organ be sustained, and the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of California in the premises be reversed and annulled.

W. H. FOSTER,
C. E. BUCKINGHAM,
J. A. KENNEDY,
C. R. HANSFORD.

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions to whom was referred the Constitution of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, beg leave to report that upon examination of the same they find that it needs to be amended in its provision for balloting for degrees. They therefore recommend that the first two lines of section 2, article 3, be stricken out, and the following inserted: "Every applicant for a degree shall be proposed therefor and recommended by the lodge, and shall be balloted for in the degree for which the applicant applies, &c." Also, that in such of its provisions as refer reports and appeals and interpretation of questions arising under the constitution to a State Grand Lodge, the language be so changed as to conform to the relation said lodge sustains to the Grand Lodge of the United States. Said constitution is not authenticated by the seal of the lodge, or the attestation of its officers; but as the R. W. Corresponding and Recording Secretary, to whom it was forwarded and through whom it was presented, vouches for its authenticity, your committee recommend the following for adoption:

Resolved, That on the adoption of the above amendments by Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, the constitution of said Lodge be and is hereby approved.

E. H. BARRY,
W. H. H. PRALL,
D. B. BOOTH,
M. PRIME.

Rep. Prall, of Northern New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions would beg leave to report that they have examined the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand

Lodge of Ohio, and find the same in accordance with the constitution and laws of this Grand Lodge. They therefore recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution:

Resolved, That the amendments to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio be and the same are hereby approved.

E. H. BARRY,
W. H. H. PRALL,
D. B. BOOTH,
MARK PRIME.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will adjourn at 1½ o'clock P. M., meet again at 3 P. M., adjourn at 6 P. M., and meet again at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution as a substitute for the motion of Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will hold an evening session this day, commencing at half past seven o'clock.

Rep. Horner, of Arkansas, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed to report the unfinished business of the last session have examined the Journal and find as follows:

Resolution of Rep. Hodgson, of the District of Columbia, relating to dues of suspended members.—See Journal, page 2528.

Report from the Legislative Committee on resolution offered by Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania.—See Journal, page 2501.

Report from the Special Committee on the subject of merging the two branches of the Order.—See Journal, pages 2455 to 2458, inclusive.

Proceedings of the jurisdiction of Southern New York recommending the repeal of the law concerning vital statistics, presented by Rep. Clayton, of Southern New York.—See Journal, page 2459.

Report from the Committee on Finance relative to the accounts of P. D. Grand Sire S. H. Parker, of California.—See Journal, page 2500.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

An amendment to article 1, section 9, proposed by Rep. Langworthy, of Wisconsin.—See Journal, pages 2352, 2510.

Amendments to article 3, section 1, proposed by Reps. Colfax, of Indiana, Froment, of Southern New York, and Straw, of Maine.—See Journal, pages 2488, 2498, 2504.

Amendments to article 9, section 2, proposed by Reps. Kennedy, of Southern New York, and Lamberton, of Pennsylvania.—See Journal, pages 2488, 2529.

Amendments to articles 2, 9, 12, 14, section 2, proposed by Rep. Hodgson, of District of Columbia.—See Journal, page 2498.

Amendments to articles 12 and 9, proposed by Reps. Granniss, of Georgia, Tucker, of New Jersey, Askew, of Delaware, Froment, of Southern New York, Whalin, of Northern New York, and English, of Pennsylvania.—See Journal, pages 2499, 2505, 2518.

Amendment to section 3, article 1, proposed by Rep. Glenn, of Georgia.—See Journal, page 2501.

Amendments to article 14, proposed by Reps. English, of Pennsylvania, and Booth, of Connecticut.—See Journal, pages 2504, 2505, 2515.

Amendment to article 9, section 1, proposed by Rep. Butt, of Georgia.—See Journal, page 2517.

Amendment to article 16, proposed by Rep. Ellis, of Maryland.—See Journal, page 2532.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. S. HORNER,
J. F. BIRCHARD,
RICHARD A. CALDWELL.

Rep. Parker, of California, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

Resolved, That the Committee on Petitions be directed to inquire into the expediency of placing Washington Territory under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon.

Rep. Buckingham, of Massachusetts, presented the following paper, which was referred to the Committee on Credentials:

I. O. O. F.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon held its annual meeting at Oregon city on Wednesday last. The following are the officers elected for the ensuing year:

E. M. Barnum, of Salem, M. W. G. M.; H. W. Davis, of Portland, R. W. D. G. M.; H. F. Stryker, of Portland, R. W. G. W.; W. P. Burns, of Oregon city, R. W. G. S.; C. Pope, of Oregon city, R. W. G. T.; A. Holbrook, of Oregon city, R. W. G. Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The next annual meeting will be held in this city in July, 1857.

We understand that Mr. Holbrook will leave Oregon by the next steamer, to attend the meeting of the United States Grand Lodge, in Baltimore, in September next.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.
Boston, September 13, 1856.

This is to certify that I saw the certificate of Bro. Amory Holbrook, Representative from the Grand Lodge of Oregon, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that it was in the usual form.

CHARLES D. COLE, *Grand Secretary.*

Rep. Booth, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts,

changing their regular sessions from semi-annual to annual, beg leave to report that the consent of this Grand Lodge is not necessary, inasmuch as every Grand Body has the power, in accordance with the action of this Grand Lodge, to alter its Constitution in the manner therein prescribed.

E. H. BARRY,
W. H. H. PRALL,
D. B. BOOTH,
M. PRIME,
W. A. STRONG.

Rep. McLain, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That instruction in the secret work of the Order be made the special order of the day, for this day, at one o'clock P. M.

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, the consideration of pending amendments to the Constitution was made the special order for half-past seven o'clock this evening.

On motion of Rep. Barry, of Indiana, the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on Constitutions, page 2600, on the Constitution of Pacific Lodge, No. 2, at Lahaini, which was adopted.

Rep. Hyneman, of California, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That section four, article sixteen, of the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge, be and the same is hereby repealed.

This amendment was seconded by Rep. Conley, of Georgia, and Rep. Buckingham, of Massachusetts.

Rep. Fuller, of the Lower Provinces of British North America, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the several Grand Bodies under this jurisdiction be requested to present to the Grand Lodge of the United States, each, a bound copy of their respective journals of proceedings from their organization, for the purpose of preserving the same in the office of the Grand Secretary of this body, for reference and the convenience of the Grand Representatives.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary communicate this resolution to each State Grand Body and respectfully request its compliance herewith.

Rep. Fuller, of the Lower Provinces of British North America, presented the following resolution, and moved to refer the same to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the sum of $30 due to this Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces for its charter, be and the same is hereby remitted.

On motion of Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, to lay the resolution on the table, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to refer to the Committee on Finance, it was adopted.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred certain portions of the M. W. Grand Sire's report, which embrace his decisions made during the recess, respectfully report:

That the law, as defined by the decisions of the R. W. Grand Lodge at its session in 1852, declaring that "suspension from membership works no suspension from arrears" and "that punishment would often be deprived of its force should arrears cease to run," renders the present system imperative, and it can only be changed by legislative action. The committee would therefore ask to be released from the further consideration of that subject, and suggest that it be referred to the Legislative Committee.

That so much of the report as refers to Past Grand Horace Brooks, in recommending that he shall be entitled to the "rank of Past District Deputy Grand Sire" for his "valuable and faithful services" to the Order in New Mexico, as the special agent of this Grand Lodge, would be a distinction which we would be gratified to approve of; and we believe he is eminently entitled to the high encomiums of the M. W. Grand Sire. But the committee entertain the opinion that no such rank or title is known in the written law of the Order as *Past* D. D. Grand Sire.

The high fiduciary trust, however, which was reposed in P. G. Brooks, and the indefatigable and untiring assiduity with which he performed his trust under the most difficult circumstances, would perhaps properly call for some additional testimony on the part of this Grand Lodge. And as the deserving Past Grand has performed all the duties of District Deputy Grand Sire, which knows no special duration of the office, and may terminate at any time at the will of the Most Worthy Grand Sire, we recommend that P. G. Horace Brooks be entitled to all the honors which attach to the office of District Deputy Grand Sire.

Decision 1. The committee approve of and recommend its confirmation.

Decision 2. The committee approve of and recommend its confirmation.

Decision 3. The committee approve of and recommend its confirmation.

Decision 4. The committee approve of and recommend its con firmation.

Decision 5. The committee approve of and recommend its con firmation.

Decision 6. The committee are impressed with the opinion that this decision embraces a more extended power than is either contemplated by the by-laws or has been determined by the decision of this Grand Lodge. The by-laws provide that "a brother may always visit if introduced by a Grand Representative or other elective officer of *the* Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment under whose jurisdiction he wishes to visit," (article 14 of by-laws,) but the Grand Representative

is here allotted only similar privileges with the other elective officers of these R. W. Grand Bodies. Yet it would evidently be improper for a Grand Master of a Grand Lodge to introduce a visiting brother into a subordinate camp, and it would be equally true that a Grand Patriarch could not introduce a brother into a Subordinate Lodge. We are therefore obliged to disagree with this decision, believing that the Grand Representative's privilege of introduction is confined exclusively to the jurisdiction or branch of the Order which he represents. They therefore recommend that this decision be not concurred in.

Decision 7. The committee approve of and recommend its confirmation.

Decision 8. The committee regret that they are obliged to dissent from this decision. The constitution, article 14, section 3, provides that a Grand Representative must be a Past Grand in good standing. By the report of P. G. Sire DeSaussure, page 2403 of the Journal, session 1855, he decided that a Grand Representative taking a withdrawal card thereby forfeits his office, although he afterwards deposites the card in another lodge. At the same session, page 2460 of Journal, Rep. Rounsville offered a resolution which, was intended to construe article 9, section 3, so as not to debar any representative regularly elected to this Grand Lodge from claiming and receiving his seat because he may have taken a withdrawal card after his election, for the purpose of connecting himself with another lodge; which resolution was referred with the M. W. Grand Sire's report to the Committee on the State of the Order. That committee reported on page 2482 that "the qualification was original and continuing, and if interrupted by the briefest cessation of membership, disappears, and with it the official position dependent on it," and that "the case could only be met by legislation;" page 2504. At the same session, page 2507, Rep. Booth, of Connecticut, offered a resolution declaring "that the confirmation of the third decision of Grand Sire DeSaussure should not be construed to debar a representative *now* holding his seat in this Grand Lodge from retaining such seat," &c., which was referred to the Legislative Committee, who reported on page 2522 that they approved of the resolution and recommended its adoption, and their report was adopted on page 2531.

The committee view the adoption of the report of the Legislative Committee as special legislation for a case that then existed, and for that session of the Grand Lodge, and did not intend, nor was it contemplated to extend it beyond the then session.

To constitute a member in *good standing* it is requisite as an essential that he shall be "a contributing member," which presupposes that he shall be in active membership, a condition not contemplated in a *quasi* membership. That a member applying for a withdrawal card, for whatsoever purpose, does by the act manifest a desire to "relinquish his membership," and as a consequence "severs his connexion with all other branches of the Order;" that although the member may have taken his withdrawal card for the specific purpose of an immedi-

ate deposite into the hands of the Grand Master, with a view to application for a charter for a new Lodge, yet during its transition he has ceased to be a contributing member, and is not restored to that condition until the charter has been granted and the lodge instituted, at which he must be present.

The committee, whilst they have thus presented the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States in reference to one of the officers of a State Grand Body, and the only case which has been adjudicated, by a parity of reasoning conceive it to be applicable to all other Grand officers.

The committee, however, are satisfied that, with great propriety, a distinction should be made in cases where a withdrawal card is obtained and especially intended to be used only for the purpose of application for a charter for the institution of a new lodge. Here, whilst the brother voluntarily relinquishes his position of membership, it is to accomplish a purpose for the advancement of the Order, attainable through no other channel. But our law admits of no distinction, and this event could only be accomplished by legislation.

The committee would therefore recommend that the matter of modification of the law in reference to a withdrawal for the special purpose of application for a new charter be referred to the Legislative Committee with power to report such modification.

Decision 9. The committee approve of and recommend its confirmation.

Decision 10. The committee approve of and recommend its confirmation.

Decision 11. The committee approve of and recommend its confirmation.

Decision 12. The committee approve of and recommend its confirmation.

Decision 13. The committee approve of and recommend its confirmation.

Decision 14. The committee approve of and recommend its confirmation.

Decision 15. The committee approve of and recommend its confirmation.

Decision 16. The committee approve of and recommend its confirmation.

Decision 17. The committee approve of and recommend its confirmation.

Decision 18. The committee approve of and recommend its confirmation.

H. F. ASKEW,
JOHN W. DWINELLE,
DEXTER GILMORE,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
WM. K. EDWARDS.

Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, moved that the rule be suspended and the report be considered, which was adopted.

The report being under consideration, Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, moved that so much of the report as recommends a reference to the Legislative Committee of the subjects therein stated be adopted, which was agreed to.

On the further motion of Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, the residue of the report was laid on the table.

Rep. Craighead, of Ohio, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. McLain, of Ohio, to be found on page 2611 of the printed Journal, beg leave to report that they have considered the propriety of enacting a law permitting the daughters of Rebekah to be present at the installation of the officers of Subordinate Lodges, and are of the opinion that no good to the Order would result from such a law. Your committee therefore ask to be relieved from the further consideration of the subject.

S. CRAIGHEAD,
WM. CURTIS,
JOHN D. BUTT,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE,
R. B. BOYLSTON.

Rep. Woodbridge, of Vermont, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to which was referred the communication of the Grand Encampment of Texas, as found on page 2588 of the printed Journal, respectfully report and recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Grand Patriarchs and their deputies be empowered to confer the degrees of a Subordinate Encampment upon scarlet degree members of Subordinate Lodges for the purpose of organizing new encampments.

F. E. WOODBRIDGE,
S. CRAIGHEAD,
WM. CURTIS,
JOHN D. BUTT,
R. B. BOYLSTON.

Rep. Strong, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions would beg leave to report that they have examined the constitution and by-laws of the Grand Encampment of Kentucky, referred to them; that they find them correct,

and in accordance with the rules of this Grand Lodge. They recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the constitution and by-laws of the Grand Encampment of Kentucky be approved.

W. A. STRONG,
W. H. H. PRALL,
E. H. BARRY,
D. B. BOOTH,
M. PRIME.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance have had under consideration so much of the Grand Secretary's report as refers to compensating P. G. Sire Moore for his services in compiling the index to the fourth volume, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of one hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated to P. G. Sire Moore, as compensation for his services in preparing the index to the fourth volume of the Revised Journal.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
B. CONLEY,
SAMUEL L. ADAMS,
JNO. G. CLAYTON,
P. K. HILLS.

Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to the action of the Grand Encampment of Iowa, in restoring the reclaimed charter of State Encampment, No. 3, also the resolution relating to the same subject to be found on page 2588 of the Journal of the present session, respectfully report, that in view of the circumstances, as stated by the M. W. Grand Sire, the resolution offered by Rep. Garrett of Iowa should be adopted by this Grand Lodge. Your committee, therefore, report back the said resolution and recommend its adoption, viz:

Resolved, That the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Iowa, in re-chartering State Encampment, No. 3, of said jurisdiction, be approved, and that the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge are hereby authorized and instructed to return the effects of said Subordinate Encampment; that a warrant issue for the amount of the funds surrendered to this Grand Lodge, in favor of the said subordinate, and that the said effects and funds be placed in possession of the R. W. Grand Representative of the said Grand Encampment of Iowa, for the use and benefit of said subordinate.

ISAAC M. TUCKER,
H. C. STETSON,
WM. GARRETT,
W. H. REMINGTON.

Rep. Craighead, of Ohio, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Sire's report as suggests the enactment of a law permitting State Grand Bodies to authorize their Subordinates to allow public installations of their officers under certain regulations, have fully considered the subject and beg leave to report against further legislation in the premises.

S. CRAIGHEAD,
JOHN D. BUTT,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE,
WM. CURTIS,
R. B. BOYLSTON.

Rep. Craighead, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Most Worthy Grand Sire's report as refers to the time and place of endorsing visiting and final cards by holders of the same, beg leave to report, that a law, such as is suggested by the M. W. Grand Sire, requiring cards to be signed by those applying for them in the Lodge or Encampment granting them, and in the presence of some officer thereof, at the time of their being granted, would prove very inconvenient in practice, and should not be enacted.

S. CRAIGHEAD,
WM. CURTIS,
JOHN D. BUTT,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE,
R. B. BOYLSTON.

Rep. Craighead, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred certain proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York to be found on page 2585 of the Journal of this session, beg leave to report that there seems to be no necessity for any action in the premises by this committee, the subject matter of said proceedings being already before this body in the shape of pending amendments to the Constitution. We therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

S. CRAIGHEAD,
JOHN D. BUTT,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE,
WM. CURTIS,
R. B. BOYLSTON.

On motion of Rep. Barry, of Indiana, the Lodge agreed to consider the reports of the committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal

The first report, being from the Committee on Petitions, page 2596, on petitions for remission of dues from the Grand Lodge of Canada West and from Pacific Lodge, No. 2, at Lahaina, Maui, was considered.

Rep. Dwinelle, of California, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That so much of the report as relates to the petition of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, to be relieved from representative tax of 1855 and charter fee, be recommitted to the Committee on Petitions with instructions to report a resolution crediting said Grand Lodge with said tax and charter fee, and also reporting the special facts of the case.

The residue of the report was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 2596, from the same committee, was considered and adopted.

Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Committee on Credentials, to which was referred the claim of Bro. Amory Holbrook to a seat in this Grand Body, as a Representative from the Grand Lodge of Oregon, have had the subject under consideration and find as follows: That no evidence of the existence of a State Grand Lodge in Oregon is in possession of this Grand Body; that the testimony of Bro. Holbrook is that the Grand Lodge of Oregon was regularily instituted in the month of June last, and he supposes that the evidence of that fact has been transmitted to this Grand Lodge, but, in consequence of the uncertainty of the mails in that far distant country, it has not come to hand. He states that his baggage with credentials and other documents have been lost or stolen, and he is therefore left without any evidence of his being the regularly elected Representative to this body, but in support of his claim a Representative on this floor certifies to this committee that he had seen the brother's credentials and they were correct. Your committee do not express an opinion as to the brother being entitled to a seat or not, preferring to submit the facts and let this body decide for itself.

WM. CURTIS,
PAXSON COATS,
E. C. ROBINSON.

The above report being under consideration—

Rep. Parker, of California, moved that the Representative from Oregon be admitted to his seat.

The question being on the adoption of the report, it was agreed to; the further question being on the resolution of Rep. Parker, of California, it was adopted.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of reports of committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The next report, page 2600, being from the Committee on Constitutions, on the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 2600, from the Committee on Constitutions, being on the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, and by unanimous consent, the resolution of Rep. Fuller, of Lower Provinces British North America, on the subject of the remission of the charter fee of the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction, heretofore referred to the Committee on Finance, was withdrawn from that committee and referred to the Committee on Petitions.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of reports of committees.

The next report, page 2601, being from the same committee, on the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Returns, page 2610, on the several returns to the Grand Lodge, was considered and adopted.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Dwinelle, of California, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be instructed to inquire and report upon the propriety of requiring by general legislation that the officers of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall not be installed unless the reports, returns, and moneys due from such lodges and encampments to their respective superior jurisdictions be actually made and placed in the hands of the proper officer, or be actually in transit to the proper destination.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of reports of standing committees.

The next report, page 2613, being from the Committee on Finance, on the assets of the Grand Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 2616, from the Committee on Returns, on the returns from the jurisdiction of the Lower Provinces of British North America, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, being from the Legislative Committee, on the amendment to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, proposing to extend the term of service of its Grand Officers, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 2617, from the Committee on Finance, on the price of the Revised Journal, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, being from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of F. Knox Morton against the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, to adopt the report and accompanying resolution—

Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, moved the following as a substitute:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Appeals be recommitted, with instructions to report that Bro. F. Knox Morton having by a vote of the Grand Lodge

of Pennsylvania been installed into the office of R. W. Grand Treasurer, it was error in that body to adopt the resolution to install another brother into that office; that their proceedings are hereby reversed, and they are directed to recognise the appellant in this case as their R. W. Grand Treasurer; and also to report that in any case where charges are pending against a brother, he cannot be installed into any office in this Order until the charges have been disposed of and he be restored to good standing.

Pending the consideration of the question, the hour fixed for recess (12 o'clock) having arrived, the Lodge receded from business for thirty minutes.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Appeals upon the appeal of F. Knox Morton, of Penna., from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was resumed.

The question being on the substitute offered by Rep. Curtis, of Pennsylvania, for the resolution of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, to adopt the report and accompanying resolutions—

Rep. Hills, of Massachusetts, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, was put as follows: "Shall the main question be now put?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The main question was then put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, to adopt the report and accompanying resolutions?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Adams of Georgia, Askew, Barnard of Alabama, Barry, Boylston, Buckingham, Burbank, Birchard, Butt, Caldwell, (2 votes,) Cassedy, Clark, Clayton, Conley, Craighead, (2 votes,) Dearborn, Dwinelle, Eckel, Edwards, Ellis, Evans, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, Foster, Foute, Fuller, Garrett, Hall, Hansford, Heisey, Herndon, Hills, Horner, Hunt, Kennedy, Krogman, Langdon, Layton, Lockett, McLain, Marley, Mitchell, Moore of Pennsylvania, Moore of Texas, Pruett, Prime, Remington, E. C. Robinson, J. H. Robinson, (2 votes) Senter, Shackelford, Starr, (2 votes,) Stetson, Stockbridge, Straw, Strong, Thayer, Tower, Tucker, Vansant, Veitch, White, Williams, Wolford, Woodbridge, Woolsey, Wright—71.

NAYS.—Adams of Kentucky, Booth, Coats, Curtis, Gilmore, Hodgson, (2 votes,) Holbrook, Hyneman, Morgan, (2 votes,) Parker, Phelps, Potter, Prall, Rich, Wallace, Webster, Whitaker—20.

On the call of the yeas and nays on the above, Rep. English, of Pennsylvania, asked and obtained leave to be excused.

The hour of 1 o'clock, being the time fixed for the signing of Diplomas, having arrived, on motion, the Lodge discharged that order for the purpose of considering a resolution upon the subject of adjournment.

Rep. Hunt, of Texas, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will adjourn "sine die" on to-morrow, Saturday, 20th instant, at 3½ o'clock p. m.

Rep. Butt, of Georgia, moved to amend by striking out "3½" and inserting "3."

Rep. Williams, of New Hampshire, moved to lay the resolution on the table; which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Butt, of Georgia, to strike out 3½ o'clock—

Rep. Foute, of Mississippi, offered the following resolution as a substitute for the whole:

Resolved, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to make out their report on the presumption that this body adjourn on Saturday, the 20th instant.

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the substitute of Rep. Foute, of Mississippi?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Hunt, of Texas, it was adopted.

By unanimous consent, the special order was further discharged to enable committees to report.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, in discharge of that part of their duty relating to expenditures and revenue for the current year, report the following estimates, viz:

Estimated Expenditures for the current year.

Salary of Grand Secretary,	$1,200 00
" " Treasurer,	200 00
" " Messenger,	700 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's office, inclusive of gas and fuel,	275 00
Postage, stationery, and other expenses of Grand Secretary's office,	600 00
Paper, and printing Daily Journal of the session,	600 00
Paper, and printing Daily Journal, revised and stereotyped, or so much thereof as per contract,	1,400 00
Cards,	500 00
Odes,	250 00
German Encampment books,	100 00
Diplomas,	100 00
Digested Index,	500 00
Opening and closing services of Degree of Rebekah,	50 00
Mileage and per diem,	11,500 00
Contingencies,	500 00
	$18,475 00

Estimated Revenue for the current year.

Representative tax—100 Representatives,.....	$5,000 00
Dues from Subordinate Lodges,.....	200 00
From State Grand Bodies, (arrearages).....	1,000 00
From sale of Books,.....	3,500 00
" of Cards, at present rates,.....	4,000 00
" of Odes,.....	200 00
" of Diplomas,.....	300 00
From individual accounts,.....	100 00
Total amount of estimated revenue,.....	$14,300 00
Amount of estimated expenditures, as above,.....	18,475 00
Deduct amount of estimated revenue,.....	14,300 00
Leaving a deficit to be provided for of.....	$4,175 00

The committee are of opinion that the best method for providing for this deficit will be by increasing the price of the cards; and they recommend that the price thereof, for the future, be twenty cents each. This will probably produce an estimated increase of say four thousand dollars in the revenue.

Believing that considerable inconvenience has resulted and will be likely, in the future, to result from a rigid adherence to the resolution of this Grand Body, adopted at its last communication, in reference to specific appropriations, the committee have reported a resolution modifying the same.

It will be seen that there exists a necessity for providing means to meet a portion of the expenses of the present session. The committee have estimated the per diem and mileage as $11,500, which is $500 less than the estimate of last year. The actual cash balance in the treasury is $10,239 52, making an estimated deficit for this item of expense alone of say $1,260 48. The estimated per diem and mileage of last year, as submitted by the Committee on Finance at that time, was $12,000, and the amount actually paid out for this purpose was $10,948 20. With the present data before the committee, they are led to the belief that the estimate they have given for per diem and mileage is not too large for the present session.

The committee, in submitting this report, must be permitted to add that it is their opinion that the legislation of the Grand Lodge should be shaped so as to reduce its expenses and bring them within the scope of its regular ordinary income, and would recommend this subject to the serious consideration of the Grand Lodge.

The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of eighteen thousand four hundred and seventy-five dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of salaries, printing, per diem and mileage, and other expenses of the current year, agreeable to the estimates herewith submitted, and the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue his warrants therefor.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Treasurer be authorized to negotiate a tem-

porary loan, on the credit of the Grand Lodge, for such sum as the immediate wants of the Treasury may require, and the Grand officers be directed to execute the note of this Grand Lodge for that purpose.

Resolved, That the system of specific appropriations adopted at the last session be so far modified as to authorize and permit the transfer from one appropriation to another, when the wants of any appropriation may demand it, of such sums as the M. W. Grand Sire may direct.

Resolved, That hereafter the price of cards furnished to Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments be twenty cents each.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
SAMUEL L. ADAMS,
P. K. HILLS,
B. CONLEY,
JOHN G. CLAYTON.

Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to warrants issued during the year, respectfully report:

That they have examined, as far as possible, the evidence relative to the warrants therein referred to, and recommend that charters be issued to the following named Lodges: Omaha Lodge, No. 2, Omaha City, Nebraska Territory; Frontier Lodge, No. 3, at Nebraska City.

ISAAC M. TUCKER,
H. G. STETSON,
WM. GARRETT,
W. H. REMINGTON.

Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of Bro. C. S. Burton and others, praying for a charter of an encampment at Lahaina Maui, Sandwich Islands, after having considered the subject, report that in their opinion it would be inexpedient to grant the charter. The petition was presented to the Grand Sire during the recess of the Grand Lodge, and in his report he states very clearly the reasons which impelled him to decline issuing a warrant. While we would be gratified to assist in extending the encampment branch of the Order wherever it can be maintained, yet the action taken by the Grand Sire in regard to this petition appears to be dictated by sound judgment and a proper discrimination. Your committee therefore recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution:

Resolved, That the petition for a charter for an encampment at Lahaina, Maui, Sandwich Islands, be denied.

ISAAC M. TUCKER,
H. G. STETSON,
WILLIAM GARRETT,
WM. H. REMINGTON.

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing, having duly examined the subject referred to them, connected with the printing of the Revised Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Body, respectfully report that they have accepted the proposal of Bro. James Young, and have entered into a contract with him for the execution of the work in conformity with his bid, which is the lowest and most favorable offered for the performance of that service.

The Journal is to be printed on paper similar to that used for the Journal of 1855, a sample of which accompanies the contract.

TIMOTHY G. SENTER,
FREDERIC D. STUART,
JOHN W. PRUETT,
RICHARD MARLEY,
HENRY ECKEL.

Rep. Clark, of Florida, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Loage of the United States:

The Committee on Correspondence beg leave respectfully to report that, after a careful examination of the various documents and papers placed in their possession, they find nothing requiring the special action of this Grand Lodge. The subject-matter contained in the different communications placed before them have either been acted on or referred to the appropriate committees.

A. B. CLARK,
GEO. C. WILLIAMS,
DANIEL WOOLSEY.

Rep. Horner, of Arkansas, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed to report the unfinished business of the last session, having examined the Journal, find the following, not embraced in their former report:

Resolution relative to obtaining testimony of witnesses residing at inconvenient distances from the place of trial of members, proposed by Rep. Ellis, of Maryland.—Journal, page 2506.

Reported upon by Legislative Committee, recommending the postponement of the subject to the next session of the Grand Lodge.—Journal, page 2522.

J. S. HORNER,
J. F. BIRCHARD,
RICHARD A. CALDWELL.

Rep. Butt, of Georgia, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the inquiry as to the expediency of allowing Subordinate Lodges to hold their meetings once per month instead of once a week, beg to submit the following report. That this subject has been before this Grand Body for several sessions, and first appears upon the Journal as early as May 22, 1824, (see Journal, page 67,) when a motion was adopted allowing Franklin Lodge, No. 2, and Columbia Lodge, No. 3, District of Columbia, to hold their meetings once a fortnight, in lieu of once a week, it having, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, no bearing on the General Laws, but that it is viewed as a general good.

Again, September 19th, 1848, Lodge No. 19, of Alabama, with the consent of their Grand Lodge, asked permission to hold their sessions once a month. (See Journal, folio 1194.) This communication was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, who reported, and the report was adopted, "that they could see no impropriety in the prayer of the petitioners being adopted, but that they regarded it as a subject for legislation by the respective State Grand Lodges.—(See Journal, folio 1232.)

Again, in 1849, at folio 1444 of the Journal, Rep. Marshall, of Kentucky, submitted the following inquiry: "Can a State Grand Lodge authorize subordinates under her jurisdiction to hold semi-monthly meetings? and, if such authority be granted, does six months' service in the chairs confer the honors of the office, or does it require twenty-six nights' service?"

Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, in answer to the above inquiries, made the following report, (vide Journal, folio 1492:) "That a Grand Lodge has such a right, but that twenty-six nights' service is necessary to complete a term."

This report was laid on the table under the rule, and on being taken up was duly considered and adopted.—(See folio 1512.)

Again, in September, 1854, Rep. Williamson, of Alabama, submitted the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the several State Grand Lodges be and they are hereby authorized, at their option, to grant dispensations to such of their subordinates as may apply therefor to hold their meetings monthly or semi-monthly, instead of weekly, it being understood that the officers shall serve the usual number of Lodge nights to constitute a term."

Rep. Steele, from the Legislative Committee, to whom the resolution was referred, reported (see page 2267) "that such authority now exists, and it was so stated before the resolution was referred, and that there is now no necessity for further legislation."

Your committee have deemed it necessary thus explicitly to refer to the action of this R. W. Grand Lodge, in order, if possible, to prevent the frequent recurrence of resolutions and inquiries touching this subject.

Your committee do not deem it expedient to recommend any further legislation on the subject.

JOHN D. BUTT,
S. CRAIGHEAD,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
WM. CURTIS,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE.

Rep. Adams, of Georgia, from the special committee to whom the subject had been referred, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred that portion of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire notifying this Grand Lodge of the recent decease of M. W. P. G. Sire Robert H. Griffin, of Georgia, feeling that no language of theirs can add any thing to the favorable and just notice which the M. W. Grand Sire has made of our distinguished deceased brother, offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge adopt as the sentiments of this body the language of the Grand Sire's report in relation to the decease of Bro. Griffin.

Resolved, That the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States do sincerely sympathize with the wife and family of the deceased, and with the jurisdiction of Georgia, of which he was a member, in the loss which they have sustained in the death of M. W. P. G. Sire Griffin.

Resolved, That the family of our deceased brother and the Grand Lodge of Georgia be furnished by the R. W. Grand Secretary with a copy of these proceedings and so much of the M. W. Grand Sire's report as refers to the deceased.

GEO. W. ADAMS,
GEO. W. CASSEDY,
L. F. TOWER,
J. H. ROBINSON,
W. E. LOCKETT.

Rep. Strong, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions would beg leave to report that they have examined the constitution and by-laws of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Texas, referred to them; that they find them correct, and in accordance with the rules of this Grand Lodge. They recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the constitution and by-laws of the Grand Encampment of Texas be approved

W. A. STRONG,
E. H. BARRY,
D. B. BOOTH,
M. PRIME,
W. H. H. PRALL.

Rep. Williams, of New Hampshire, from the special committee to whom the subject had been referred, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The delegation from New Hampshire, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Grand Sire as relates to the death of Past Grand Representative Brown, beg leave to report the accompanying resolutions:

WHEREAS it has pleased Divine Providence to remove by death Bro. Stephen Brown, P. G. Patriarch, P. G. Master, and late Grand Representative of New Hampshire: therefore

Resolved, That the representatives of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, while they most deeply deplore the loss which has thus been sustained by our *whole* brotherhood, especially sympathize with the jurisdiction of New Hampshire in the death of one who, both in the official positions to which he was called and in his private membership for a long series of years, has adorned that jurisdiction by his private virtues and highly distinguished her by faithful energy and marked ability, and that we extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased.

Resolved, That, in testimony of our respect and sympathy, these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of this body, and a copy of the same be transmitted to the family of the deceased and the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of New Hampshire.

GEO. C. WILLIAMS,
MOSES M. BURBANK,
T. G. SENTER.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the special order, viz. the signing of Diplomas; when, on motion of—

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, the special order was indefinitely postponed.

The hour of 1½ o'clock having arrived, the Lodge proceeded to the special order fixed for that time, viz. the instruction in the secret work.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, moved to discharge the special order until 8 o'clock this evening; which was agreed to.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. Barnes, of Tennessee, from and after 5 o'clock this day.

Rep. Clayton, of Southern New York, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. Langdon, of that jurisdiction, from and after the session to-night.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. Butt, of Georgia, from and after this day.

Rep. Evans, of Iowa, asked and obtained leave of absence for his colleague, Rep. Garrett, from and after 3 o'clock to-morrow.

Rep. Booth, of Connecticut, asked and obtained leave of absence for his colleague, Rep. Wallace, from and after this day.

Rep. Foster, of Louisiana, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, from and after 3½ o'clock to-morrow.

On motion of Rep. Pruett, of Kentucky, the Lodge resumed the consideration of the reports of committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The next report, being page 2619 Journal, being from the Legislative Committee, on the subject of a reconsideration of a ballot, was considered.

Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, moved that the report be recommitted, with instructions to report some legislation limiting the time when the proposition of a rejected candidate for membership in a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment may be made in the same Lodge or Encampment which may have rejected such candidate.

Rep. Parker, of California, moved indefinitely to postpone the whole subject.

The question being on the motion to postpone indefinitely, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Craighead, of Ohio, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Dwinelle, of California, to be found on page 2634 of the printed Journal, beg leave respectfully to report that to secure more prompt and accurate returns from Subordinate Lodges and Encampments some general law on the subject is proper. We therefore offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the officers of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall not be installed, nor furnished with the semi-annual password, unless the reports, returns, and moneys due from such lodges and encampments to their respective superior jurisdictions be actually made and placed in the hands of the proper officer, or be actually in transit to the proper destination.

S. CRAIGHEAD,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE,
JOHN D. BUTT,
WM. CURTIS.

The hour of 3½ o'clock having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge adjourned until this evening at 7½ o'clock.

FRIDAY EVENING—7½ o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

GEORGE W. RACE, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, presiding.
E. C. ROBINSON, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire *pro tem.*
JAS. L. RIDGELY, R. W. Cor. and Recording Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. REUBEN JONES, R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JAMES W. HALE, R. W. Grand Marshal.
SOLOMON H. LEWYT, W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, W. Grand Messenger.

And a quorum of Representatives.

The Lodge proceeded to the special order, viz: the consideration of pending amendments to the Constitution.

The first amendment, page 2488 Journal, to provide that Grand Officers should be installed at the same session at which they are elected, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, the proposed amendment was indefinitely postponed.

The next amendment, being on the same subject, page 2498 Journal, was considered, and,

On motion of Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, was indefinitely postponed.

The next amendment, being on the same subject, page 2504 Journal, was considered, and,

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, was indefinitely postponed.

The proposed amendment, page 2488, on the subject of representation, was considered.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, moved to adopt the amendment, which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Adams of Georgia, Booth, Butt, Carr, Clayton, Coats, Conley, Dwinelle, Garrett, Holbrook, Kennedy, Langdon, McLain, Parker, (2 votes,) Potter, Remington, Rich, Stuart, Veitch, Webster—21.

NAYS.—Adams of Kentucky, Askew, Barnard of Alabama, Barry, Boylston, Buckingham, Burbank, Birchard, Caldwell, (2 votes,) Cassedy, Clark, Craighead, Curtis, Dearborn, Eckel, Edwards, Ellis, English, (2 votes,) Evans, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, Foster, Foute, Fuller, Gilmore, Hall, Hansford, Heisey, Herndon, Hills, Hodgson, Horner, Krogman, Layton, Lockett, Marley, Mitchell, Moore of Pennsylvania, Moore of Texas, Phelps, Prall, Pruett, Prime, E. C. Robinson, J. H. Robinson, (2 votes,) Senter, Shackelford, Starr, (2 votes,) Stetson, Stockbridge, Straw, Strong, Thayer, Tower, Tucker, Vansant, Whitaker, White, (2 votes,) Williams, Wolford, Woodbridge, Woolsey—67.

The proposed amendment, page 2498 Journal, to abolish the representation of Grand Encampments in the Grand Lodge of the United States, was considered, and,

On motion of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, was indefinitely postponed.

The proposed amendment, page 2499 Journal, to provide for biennial sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was considered.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved to adopt the amendment, which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Adams of Georgia, Askew, Boylston, Butt, Carr, Clayton, Coats, Conley, Craighead, Curtis, Dwinelle, Eckel, Ellis, English, (2 votes,) Foute, Garrett, Holbrook, Kennedy, Langdon, Layton, Marley, Mitchell, Parker, (2 votes,) Potter, Remington, Thayer, Tucker, Veitch, Webster, Whitaker—32.

NAYS.—Adams of Kentucky, Barnard of Alabama, Barry, Booth, Buckingham, Burbank, Birchard, Caldwell, (2 votes,) Cassedy, Clark, Dearborn, Edwards, Evans, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, Foster, Fuller, Gilmore, Hall, Hansford, Heisey, Herndon, Hills, Hodgson, Horner, Krogman, Lockett, McLain, Moore of Pennsylvania, Moore of Texas, Phelps, Prall, Pruett, Prime, Rich, E. C. Robinson, J. H. Robinson, (2 votes,) Senter, Shackelford, Starr, (2 votes,) Stetson, Stockbridge, Straw, Strong, Stuart, Tower, Vansant, White, (2 votes,) Williams, Wolford, Woodbridge, Woolsey—56.

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, all the remaining pending

amendments to the Constitution were indefinitely postponed, except those to be found on pages 2504, 2505, 2515, and 2532 of the Journal.

The pending amendment by Rep. Booth, of Connecticut, page 2505, Journal, being to the second clause of article fourteen of the Constitution, was considered.

Rep. Dwinelle, of California, moved that the amendment be indefinitely postponed.

Rep. Lockett, of Texas, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the proposed amendment to the Constitution?" which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Adams of Georgia, Adams of Kentucky, Barnard, Boylston, Butt, Carr, Clark, Coats, Conley, Curtis, Dwinelle, English, (2 votes,) Evans, Farnsworth, Foster, Fuller, Gilmore, Heisey, Holbrook, Hyneman, Krogman, Lockett, Mitchell, Moore of Texas, Morgan, (2 votes,) Parker, (2 votes,) Potter, Prall, Pruett, Shackelford, Starr, (2 votes,) Stetson, Strong, Thayer, Tower, Tucker, Veitch, Woodbridge—42.

NAYS.—Askew, Booth, (2 votes,) Buckingham, Burbank, Birchard, Caldwell, (2 votes,) Cassedy, Clayton, Craighead, Dearborn, Eckel, Edwards, (2 votes,) Ellis, Fitzhugh, Garrett, Hall, Hansford, Herndon, Hills, Hodgson, Horner, Kennedy, Langdon, Layton, McLain, Prime, Remington, Rich, E. C. Robinson, J. H. Robinson, (2 votes,) Senter, Stockbridge, (2 votes,) Straw, Stuart, Vansant, Webster, Whitaker, White, (2 votes,) Williams, Wolford, Woolsey—47.

The amendment proposed by Rep. Booth, of Connecticut, page 2515, upon the subject of representative tax, was considered; and,

On motion of Rep. Williams, of New Hampshire, was indefinitely postponed.

The amendment, page 2532, proposed by Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, was considered.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, moved to adopt the amendment.

Rep. Dwinelle, of California, moved indefinitely to postpone the subject; which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. English, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, having had referred to them the appeal of Bro. A. Shinkle from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, report:

At the session of that Grand Lodge in 1855, Bro. Johnson submitted the following question, to wit:

"When a brother is under charge has the members of the Lodge a right to participate in the argument at the scrutiny, or is it the prerogative and duty of the sitting Past Grand only; and, if he is absent, should not the Noble Grand appoint some one to act for him?"

This question was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

A majority of said committee reported "that members may discuss

the question on the evidence after the Noble Grand has stated it," &c., and the minority reported "that no brother should be permitted to discuss the question of the guilt or innocence of a brother except the sitting Past Grand and the advocate for the accused," &c.

The Grand Lodge adopted the report of the majority; hence the appeal under consideration.

The code of laws for conducting trials in the Subordinate Lodges of Kentucky, though by no means definite on the question at issue, plainly indicates that none others than the sitting Past Grand and the advocate of the accused can discuss the question of the guilt or innocence of parties on trial.

Your committee, therefore, submit the following:

Resolved, That the appeal of Bro. A. Shinkle be sustained, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, in adopting the report of the majority of the committee on the question submitted by Bro. Johnson, be and the same is hereby reversed.

WM. ENGLISH,
J. A. KENNEDY,
C. E. BUCKINGHAM,
W. H. FOSTER,
C. R. HANSFORD.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. Sire Moore, P. G. M. Magruder, and others, against admitting P. G. M. Frederic D. Stuart to a seat as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, beg to report:

That in this case P. G. M. Frederic D. Stuart appears to be a member in good standing of a Subordinate Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and for a number of years has resided with his family in the city of Washington, within the territorial jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge; that during the month of October, 1855, he removed his family from the District of Columbia into the limits of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, where he and they still reside; that in November, 1855, a short time after his removal, he was elected by the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia one of the Grand Representatives of that body in this Grand Lodge, and has taken his seat as such.

The appellants object to the right of P. G. M. Stuart to a seat in this body, on the ground that at the time of his election he was not a resident within the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Body by whom he was elected, and still remains non-resident; and that, pursuant to the third section of the ninth article of the Constitution, he is disqualified from membership in this Grand Lodge thereby.

The only question involved in this appeal is one of residence—the Constitution providing that a Grand Representative "must reside in the

State, District, or Territory in which the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which he represents is located."

The fact of removal is not disputed, but it is claimed that a change of residence from the jurisdiction may be temporary, and that the mental intention, and not the act itself, should determine the effect of the constitutional clause.

Your committee are not clear that an actual removal from one place to another, under the circumstances which Bro. Stuart concedes governed him, can be regarded as temporary. He has not removed for the convenience of casual employment, but on the contrary has placed his present domicil at a greater and more inconvenient distance from his business locality than he formerly occupied. The time he has remained of itself, now nearly a full year, shows that, however he may have intended at the first, his residence has become permanent; that is, as permanent as is the residence of persons generally who are dependent on employment as a means of livelihood.

Under these views your committee cannot avoid recommending that the prayer of the appellants be acceded to, and the following resolution be adopted:

Resolved, That the election of P. G. M. Frederic D. Stuart as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia is invalid, by reason of his being a non-resident of the Territorial jurisdiction of that body.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
W. H FOSTER,
C. E. BUCKINGHAM,
C. R. HANSFORD.

Rep. Buckingham, of Massachusetts, from the same committee, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred a matter of grievance, presented by Rep. Woolsey, of Indiana, concerning a claim made by Wabash Lodge, No. 20, of Indiana, against Palladium Lodge, No. 346, of Pennsylvania, respectfully report:

That they have been informed by the R. W. Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has never received from the Grand Lodge of Indiana any information upon the subject. The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the case of the Grand Lodge of Indiana *vs.* the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be dismissed.

WM. ENGLISH,
C. E. BUCKINGHAM,
J. A. KENNEDY,
W. H. FOSTER,
C. R. HANSFORD.

Rep. Tucker, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions have had under consideration the petition of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, asking "to be relieved from the charge for a charter under which the Grand Lodge of Canada West is now working;" also "to be relieved from a claim against them for representative tax for 1855," (the same having been recommitted to the committee;) also the resolution of the Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces, having in view the same relief for that jurisdiction.

It appears, from an examination of the Journal of this body, that in 1846 the jurisdiction of Canada was erected into a distinct sovereignty, under the title of "the Grand Lodge of British North America." In 1852 the feeble condition of the Order there became a matter for the serious consideration of this Grand Lodge; and the report of the Grand Sire on this subject was referred to a special committee, who submitted an elaborate report, reviewing the condition of the Order in British North America, and making provision for the reclamation of the charter of the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction as a separate sovereignty, and for the formal reception of its existing subordinates under the Grand Lodge of the United States. On the 14th of October, 1853, the said Grand Lodge formally surrendered its authority to the Grand Sire of the United States, who visited Montreal for the purpose, and the existing lodges and encampments were thus restored to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the territory divided into three districts, designated as the district of "Canada West," the district of "Canada East," and the district of the "Lower Provinces." Subsequently twelve Subordinate Lodges were instituted within the territory under the authority of this Lodge, and in the recess of 1854-'5 Grand Lodges subordinate to and under the jurisdiction of this body were established in the "Lower Provinces" and in "Canada West," and charters for the same were issued at the session of 1855. In the reclamation of the charter of British North America, it seems clear that there was a distinct understanding that charters for subordinate Grand Lodges in the respective districts should be granted without charge.

In regard to relieving these Grand Lodges from the charge of representative tax for 1855, the committee find that a considerable amount of per centage upon the receipts of subordinate lodges under the jurisdiction of these two subordinate Grand Lodges had accrued between the time of granting the warrants for and the institution of the said Grand Lodges, which, by the immemorial custom of this Grand Lodge, should be paid into the treasury of the respective subordinate Grand Lodges. Inasmuch as they simply ask of this body the amount of representative tax for one year, it seems just and equitable that they should be credited with that amount.

Your committee respectfully submit the accompanying resolution:

STATE LIBRARY HARRISBURG PENN'A.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to credit the Grand Lodges of "Canada West" and the "Lower Provinces," respectively, with the amount of the charter fee charged against them, and also with the amount of the representative tax for the year 1855.

ISAAC M. TUCKER,
H. G. STETSON,
WM. GARRETT,
W. H. REMINGTON.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, submitted by Rep. Woolsey, relative to amending the degree of Rebekah so as to permit an organization of its members for the object of promoting benevolence in that particular branch, are of the opinion that the subject belongs to the Legislative Committee, and would recommend that the same be so referred.

H. F. ASKEW,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
D. GILMORE,
W. K. EDWARDS,
JOHN W. DWINELLE.

On motion of Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom the resolution of Rep. Hills, of Massachusetts, was referred, have considered the same, and would report:

That this Grand Body has decided that "the suspension of a member is intended only as a punishment *temporary*, to be regulated by the magnitude of his offence;" "that every Lodge holds its members undergoing punishment responsible for dues and unworthy conduct during such disability."—Journal, 1849, page 1505.

This body has further decided that where the suspension is *indefinite* "brothers suffer no longer than they allow the cause of suspension to exist."—Journal, 1853, page 2171.

The committee are therefore of opinion that lodges are not allowed to exercise a discretion as to the reinstatement of members suspended, as they already possess all power over them during suspension which is necessary for the protection of the Lodge. We therefore recommend that the resolution be not adopted.

H. F. ASKEW,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
JOHN W. DWINELLE,
D. GILMORE,
W K. EDWARDS.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, page 2611 Journal, on the subject of the duty of Noble Grands and Vice Grands to preside in the Lodge, respectfully report that no legislation is necessary on the subject.

H. F. ASKEW,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
JOHN W. DWINELLE,
D. GILMORE,
W. K. EDWARDS.

Rep. Heisey, of Iowa, moved that the Lodge now adjourn; which was not adopted.

The special order, viz. instruction in the unwritten work, being now in order—

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, moved that the special order be postponed for the purpose of considering the report of the special committee to whom the subject of the death of P. G. Sire Robert H. Griffin had been referred; which was not agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Parker, of California, the special order was discharged.

On motion of Rep. Pruett, of Kentucky, the Lodge resumed the consideration of the reports of committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The report, page 2621, Journal, of the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of James Burke, of Kentucky, was considered, and the question being on concurring in the report and adopting the resolution—

Rep. Starr, of Illinois, moved to amend the resolution as follows:

Amend the resolution by striking out the words "to give the brother a new trial," and insert, instead thereof, "to correct its proceedings, commencing anew on the ballot fixing the punishment to be inflicted, at the ballot for the second grade of punishment."

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Starr, it was adopted.

The question recurring on the report of the committee, with accompanying resolution as amended, it was adopted.

Rep. Williams, of New Hampshire, now moved that the Lodge adjourn; which was not adopted.

The next report, page 2621, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of General Marion Lodge from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge re-assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

GEO. W. RACE, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, presiding.
E. C. ROBINSON, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire *pro tem.*
JAS. L. RIDGELY, R. W. Grand Cor. and Recording Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
Rev. REUBEN JONES, R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JAMES W. HALE, R. W. Grand Marshal.
SOLOMON H. LEWYT, W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, W. Grand Messenger.

And a quorum of Representatives.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Reuben Jones, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Stockbridge, of Maryland, presented the amended constitution of the Grand Encampment of Maryland, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

By unanimous consent, and on motion of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the special committee to whom was referred the subject of reporting resolutions suitably expressive of the sense of this Grand Lodge upon the death of P. G. Sire Robert H. Griffin.

The report and resolutions being under consideration, the question was taken rising, and,

On motion of Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, the report and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Rep. Vansant, of Maryland, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: Since the closing of the last communication of this Grand Lodge its membership has been most signally warned that none are exempt from the decree of Divine Providence that man is born to die. We have been again and again admonished, in the performance of the melancholy duty of conveying to the "narrow halls" of the dead brothers who but yesterday, in the full flush of health, were in council with us, that "in life we are in the midst of death." Georgia has announced to us, since our gathering here, that her justly distinguished and most cherished brother is numbered with the "pale sleepers;" that the voice the echo of whose music tones has so often vibrated in this hall, and which still dwells and will continue to live in our memories, has been called to silence by the stern Officer from whose decision there is no appeal on this side of eternity. South Carolina and Pennsylvania have dropped the tear of agony upon the coffin lid of those whose once charmed presence made them most familiar to the hearts of the Representatives in this Grand Body.

"So fades a summer cloud away;
So sinks the gale when storms are o'er;
So gently shuts the eye of day;
So dies the wave upon the shore."

Maryland too has strewn with evergreen the graves of her honored brothers, and wears, close folded about her droop'd heart, the "inky cloak."

In the discharge of a solemn duty to her, as well as respect to the memory of the honored and virtuous dead, I announce here the demise of G. Rep. JAMES C. NINDE. On the 30th of June, 1856, the busy scenes of this life closed on him forever.

Before the attack of the disease which suddenly terminated his existence he was in the full vigor of ripened manhood. He had numbered forty-six years. I knew him familiarly. I shared with others, in this the city of his birth, the honor of his friendship and his confidence. It would be a safe appeal to truth to ask her to testify that few have journeyed the sands of life as far as he who could turn upon the retrospect as he could turn, if living, with so little to regret.

He was essentially an Odd-Fellow: for in the purity of his life, and in the practice of those qualities which dignify and adorn the human character, he beautifully illustrated the principles of the Order.

He was initiated in Marion Lodge in this city in the year 1843, and in 1845 passed the principal chair. In 1853 he was, with singular unanimity, chosen Grand Master of the State of Maryland, and in 1854 was elected to represent that State in this Grand Lodge. Honors, the highest which his Grand or Subordinate Lodge could bestow, were his. He wore them well, and reflected them back upon the givers two-fold.

G. Rep. Ninde served less than two years in this Grand Body, his term of service not having expired at the period of his death. He had nothing in his character of that presumptuous self-confidence which frequently, in deliberative bodies, renders men notorious even before their labors are of any practical benefit. He was unostentatious. He had no ambition for the mere tinsel of show. He had nourished and cultivated prudence, and in him it was a marked characteristic. He never laid his hand upon the helm without his chart, and star, and a port to invite. This admirable quality, his unobtrusive manner, and his short term of service in this body, rendered a knowledge of him less general and familiar than of others distinguished in the history of the Order at large. But in Maryland, where his character was best understood and appreciated, and where the seed of his labors had been scattered and had ripened into sweet and healthful fruit, he is ranked with the distinguished, the loved, and the honored that have adorned her history.

But the chaplet which most graced his brow was of the flowers which orphanage had wreathed; for he had devoted the elastic energies of his mind to the education of the destitute orphan children of those who had been of his brotherhood. For eight years he presided at the board of education of "the Order," where his intelligence, honesty, and fidelity to his cherished object crowned with marked success the sacred and beneficent purpose of that organization. There it is, in the midst of the beautiful garden of his labors, that his withdrawal from life is painfully felt and most deeply lamented.

His heart was with that childhood whose voice joined in the wail

that went up from the sacred precinct of his hearth-stone, where the clustering virtues were exhaled which beautified the character of Bro. James C. Ninde. Oh! if, when the "stern Archer" raised the latch at the chamber door of the lamented, the prayers of relatives and friends, and of that aged widow mother whose anguish was as deep and pure as hers of Nain, or of that Mary whose lament for Lazarus moved the heart of a Saviour until his eyes "like an infant's wept," could have stayed the foot-steps of the unwelcome visitor, the shaft for the loved one would have rested in the quiver. But a voice from the spirit land spoke! The arrow sped! The bright mark was struck!

"Life's labor's done,
Serenely to his final rest he passed;
While the soft memories of his virtues yet
Linger, like twilight hues when the bright sun has set."

Nor the words of condolence, nor the wail of lamentation can call his spirit back to reanimate the cold form that rests beneath the verdure of the sod. That spirit would not reinvest the perishing body if it could; for the faith in which he lived and practised, and the God he worshipped, assure us that the essential thing, the image of its Maker, is clothed in immortality.

Most Worthy Grand Sire, our purpose is to record a tribute to the memory of G. Rep. James C. Ninde, and to that end I submit, in behalf of the Representatives from Maryland in this Grand Lodge, these resolutions:

Resolved, That in the death of Grand Representative James C. Ninde the Order has sustained the loss of one who in all the relations of its brotherhood has, by his virtuous antecedents, given efficacy to the cherished principles of "Friendship, Love, and Truth."

Resolved, That we sympathize with the brotherhood in Maryland and with the relatives of the deceased in the sorrows which the sad event has occasioned.

Resolved, That a copy of the proceedings in reference to the late Grand Representative Ninde be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Maryland and to the family of the deceased.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, addressed the Lodge as follows:

Most Worthy Grand Sire: After the eloquent tribute to the memory of the deceased with which my colleague has prefaced the introduction of the resolutions submitted by him in behalf of the Representatives from Maryland, it will perhaps be deemed improper in me to detain the Grand Lodge by any additional remarks. But, sir, there are considerations that induce me to regard it as a duty which, in justice to my own feelings and to that part of the Brotherhood I represent, I may not omit to perform.

It was my good fortune to know Grand Representative Ninde well and intimately. Though residing in a distant part of the State, and enjoying only occasional seasons of intercourse with him, those seasons were sufficiently frequent to let me into the heart of one so open and undisguised in all his friendships, and our intercourse of such a

character as to beget in my mind a warm admiration of the gentle qualities of his nature, and a sincere attachment for the man.

In the year 1849 I met him for the first time in this hall, not as an Odd-Fellow, but in a convention of delegates from the different counties of the State upon the great subject of popular education—a subject which lay near to his heart, and to which, both in and out of the Order, he devoted much of his time and energies. Upon that occasion I witnessed with admiration his assiduous attention to the convenience and comfort of the different delegations, and his singular devotion to the great subject that called them together.

In 1851, when I was first admitted to a seat in the Grand Lodge of Maryland, I found brother James C. Ninde a prominent and deservedly esteemed member of that body, in the full tide of that popularity which soon elevated him to the distinguished position of Grand Master of the Order in that ancient jurisdiction; and at that time I experienced at his hands that cordial reception, that polite and really kind attention so grateful to the feelings of a junior Past Grand upon his first appearance on the floor of the Grand Lodge. From that hour I loved the man, and was proud to number him among my friends.

But in 1853, while our departed brother occupied the chair of Grand Master of Maryland, an unfortunate and most exciting controversy arose in the jurisdiction, between the rural and metropolitan lodges, with regard to certain proposed amendments to the Constitution, and involving to some extent the official action of the Grand Master in relation to a member of one of the standing committees of the Grand Lodge. This, sir, is neither the time nor the place to speak of the merits of that controversy. It is sufficient that I say it was of such a character as seriously to disturb the harmony of the Grand Lodge, calling for great moderation and firmness on the part of the Grand Master in the exercise of his official prerogative—qualities which I am bound to say our deceased brother exhibited on that trying occasion in no limited degree.

In that controversy, and the difficulties which grew out of it, it was my fortune, good or ill, to be thrown into a position to some extent hostile to the Grand Master, and the brethren who sustained him; and yet it is with no small degree of gratification I can now look back and remember that throughout that exciting controversy our personal relations were never for a moment disturbed. With such a spirit as our deceased brother possessed, it was difficult, nay impossible, to rush into the madness of partisan conflict. His uniform and habitual courtesy, proceeding as it did from native goodness of heart, rebuked the first uprising of embittered feeling—"stilled the storm and soothed the spirit of passion," which is too often suffered to separate the hearts of brethren that had else like "kindred drops been mingled into one."

Grand Representative Ninde, to use a familiar expression, "was a man to the full height;" he was a gentleman, an Odd-Fellow of the finest mould, a sincere and devoted christian, an ardent friend and patron of every benevolent enterprise. He has now passed from labor to reward, and, as I do humbly trust and believe, has entered into

that rest prepared for his faithful followers by the hand of Him who has said to us: "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them"—a precept which our deceased friend, so far as erring human nature can, endeavored to obey to the latest hour of his useful life.

I second the resolutions submitted by my colleague, and hope they will be unanimously adopted.

The question being on the resolutions submitted by Rep. Vansant, of Maryland, it was taken rising; and,

On motion of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, they were unanimously adopted.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, from and after 12 o'clock to-day.

Rep. Hall, of Alabama, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. Hansford, of Alabama, from and after 12 o'clock.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. Adams, of Georgia, from and after 2 o'clock.

Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. Heisey, of Iowa, after 12 o'clock this day.

Rep. Craighead, of Ohio, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, to be found on page 2587 of the printed Journal, respectfully report: That there is nothing in our present law preventing the members of the degree of Rebekah from organizing for the purpose of promoting the cause of benevolence, as suggested in said resolution, and that there is no necessity for further legislation on the subject.

S. CRAIGHEAD,
WM. CURTIS,
JOHN D. BUTT,
R. B. BOYLSTON.

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to which was referred the amendments to the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Maryland, have examined the same and beg leave to report:

That as said amendments relate only to the change of its sessions from quarterly to semi-annual, and the fees exacted of its subordinates, the approval of this Grand Body is not necessary, as the right so to amend has been conceded to State Grand Bodies.

E. H. BARRY,
W. H. H. PRALL,
D. B. BOOTH,
W. A. STRONG,
M. PRIME.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Mileage, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Per Diem and Mileage ask leave to present the annexed tabular statement of the distances travelled by the Representatives to attend the present session of this Grand Lodge, with the amount of mileage and daily pay to which each Representative is entitled, and the resolution adopted by this Grand Body at its present session.

In submitting this report your committee would ask leave to say that, although we are opposed to the principle of paying constructive mileage under any and all circumstances, we are of opinion that the action of the Grand Lodge in the case of Rep. Dwinelle (upon inquiries submitted by this committee for their direction) is considered by your committee as an indirect expression of opinion of the Grand Lodge to pay the mileage of Rep. Dwinelle. Your committee therefore ask for the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amount of mileage and per diem, as set forth in the accompanying tabular statement, is hereby ordered to be paid.

E. P. HUNT,
CHARLES WOLFORD,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
T. J. McLAIN,
E. G. FULLER.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAMES.	Profession.	Town.	State.	Distance from Baltimore.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
GRAND OFFICERS.								
R. W. D. G. Sire Geo. W. Race.	Lawyer	New Orleans	Louisiana	1,490	6	$149 00	$18 00	$167 00
R. W. G. C. & R. S. J. L. Ridgely.	Farmer	Baltimore Co.	Maryland					
R. W. G. Treas. Joshua Vansant.	Hat Manufacturer	Baltimore	Maryland					
R. W. G. Chaplain Rev. R. Jones.	Clergyman	Norfolk Co	Virginia	218	6	21 80	18 00	39 80
R. W. G. M. James W. Hale	Commissioner	New York	New York	200	4	20 00	12 00	32 00
R. W. G. Guar. S. H. Lewyt	Jeweller	Baltimore	Maryland		6		18 00	18 00
R. W. G. Mess. J. E. Chamberlain.	Shoe Manufacturer	Baltimore	Maryland					
REPRESENTATIVES.								
Adams, George W	Supt. Railroad	Macon	Georgia	875	6	87 50	18 00	105 50
Adams, Samuel L	Clergyman	Louisville	Kentucky	796	6	79 60	18 00	97 60
Askew, Henry F	Physician	Wilmington	Delaware	75	6	7 50	18 00	25 50
Barnard, F. J	Painter	Mobile	Alabama	1,325	6	132 50	18 00	150 50
Barnes, A. A	Cashier	Knoxville	Tennessee	600	5	60 00	15 00	75 00
Barry, E. H	Clerk	Indianapolis	Indiana	790	6	79 00	18 00	97 00
Booth, David B	Lawyer	Norwalk	Connecticut	268	6	26 80	18 00	44 80
Boylston, R. B	Lawyer	Winnsboro'	S. Carolina	665	6	66 50	18 00	84 50
Buckingham, Charles E	Physician	Boston	Massachu'ts.	440	6	44 00	18 00	62 00
Burbank, Moses M	Moulder	Franklin	N. Hampsh'e	540	6	54 00	18 00	72 00
Birchard, J. F	Merchant	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	1,320	6	132 00	18 00	150 00
Butt, John D	Merchant	Augusta	Georgia	730	6	73 00	18 00	91 00
Caldwell, Richard A	Lawyer	Wadsboro	N. Carolina	570	6	57 00	18 00	75 00
Carr, James	Lawyer	Paris	Missouri	1,395	6	139 50	18 00	157 50

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM, CONTINUED.

NAMES.	PROFESSION.	Town.	State.	Distance from Baltimore.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
Cassedy, Geo. W.	Lawyer	Jersey City	New Jersey.	192	6	$ 19 20	$18 00	$ 37 20
Clark, Asa B.	Merchant	Tallahassee	Florida	1,110	6	111 00	18 00	129 00
Clayton, John G.	Editor	New York	New York	200	6	20 00	18 00	38 00
Coats, Paxson	Manufacturer	Cincinnati	Ohio	646	6	64 60	18 00	82 60
Conley, Benjamin	Merchant	Augusta	Georgia	730	6	73 00	18 00	91 00
Cook, William H.	Lawyer	Hillsville	Virginia	450	3	45 00	9 00	54 00
Craighead, Samuel	Lawyer	Dayton	Ohio	675	6	67 50	18 00	85 50
Curtis, William	Deputy Naval Officer	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	100	6	10 00	18 00	28 00
Dearborn, N. H.	Justice of the Peace	St. Charles	Illinois	1,508	6	150 80	18 00	168 80
Dwinelle, John W.	Lawyer	San Francisco	California	5,953	6	595 30	18 00	613 30
Eckel, Henry	Printer	Wilmington	Delaware	75	6	7 50	18 00	25 50
Edwards, William K.	Lawyer	Terre Haute	Indiana	862	6	86 20	18 00	104 20
Ellis, F. A.	Lawyer	Elkton	Maryland	51	6	5 10	18 00	23 10
English, William	Accountant	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	100	6	10 00	18 00	28 00
Evans, Thomas D.	Merchant	Fairfield	Iowa	1,765	6	176 50	18 00	194 50
Farnsworth, E. D.	Steamboat Inspector	Nashville	Tennessee	1,070	6	107 00	18 00	125 00
Fitzhugh, E. H.	Lawyer	Wheeling	Virginia	389	6	38 90	18 00	56 90
Foster, William H.	Lawyer	New Orleans	Louisiana	1,490	6	149 00	18 00	167 00
Foute, A. M.	Lawyer	Jackson	Mississippi	1,375	6	137 50	18 00	155 50
Fuller, E. G.	Bookseller	Halifax	Nova Scotia	1,135	4	113 50	12 00	125 50
Garrett, William	Merchant	Burlington	Iowa	1,710	6	171 00	18 00	189 00
Gilmore, Dexter	Lawyer	Utica	New York	450	6	45 00	18 00	63 00
Hall, A. D.	Dentist	Gainesville	Alabama	1.285	6	128 50	18 00	146 50

Hansford, Charles R.	Mayor	Montgomery	Alabama	1,125	6	112 50	18 00	130 50
Heisey, Martin	Merchant	Burlington	Iowa	1,710	6	171 00	18 00	189 00
Herndon, Milton	Physician	Crawfordsville	Indiana	883	6	88 30	18 00	106 30
Hills, P. K.	Bank Officer	Newburyport	Massachu'ts.	480	6	48 00	18 00	66 00
Hodgson, J. W.	Mechanic	Washington	Dist. of Col.	40	6	4 00	18 00	22 00
Horner, John S.	Merchant	Helena	Arkansas	1,600	6	160 00	18 00	178 00
Hunt, E. P.	Notary Public	Galveston	Texas	1,940	6	194 00	18 00	212 00
Hyneman, Moses	Merchant	Auburn	California	6,150	6	615 00	18 00	633 00
Holbrook, Amory	Lawyer	Oregon City	Oregon	6,900	2	690 00	6 00	696 00
Kennedy, John A.	Supt. Castle Garden	New York	New York	200	6	20 00	18 00	38 00
Krogman, Samuel B.	Merchant	Boston	Massachu'ts.	440	6	44 00	18 00	62 00
Langdon, DeWitt C.	Book-keeper	New York	New York	200	5	20 00	15 00	35 00
Layton, C. R.	Lawyer	Georgetown	Delaware	160	6	16 00	18 00	34 00
Lockett, Henry E.	Planter	Washington	Texas	2,090	6	209 00	18 00	227 00
McLain, T. J.	Lawyer	Warren	Ohio	870	6	87 00	18 00	105 00
Mitchell, Edward	Clerk	Charleston	S. Carolina	710	6	71 00	18 00	89 00
Moore, Charles	Dentist	Pottstown	Pennsylvania	140	6	14 00	18 00	32 00
Moore, James W.	Clerk of District Court	Galveston	Texas	1,940	6	194 00	18 00	212 00
Morgan, Tracy R.	Cashier	Binghampton	New York	424	6	42 40	18 00	60 40
Marley, Richard	Shoe Manufacturer	Baltimore	Maryland		6		18 00	18 00
Parker, Samuel H.	Lawyer	San Francisco	California	5,953	6	595 30	18 00	613 30
Potter, William, Jr.	Manufacturer	Potter's Hill	Rhode Island	360	6	36 00	18 00	54 00
Prall, William H. H.	Sec. G. Lodge N. N. York	Syracuse	New York	503	6	50 30	18 00	68 30
Pruett, J. W.	Printer	Frankfort	Kentucky	773	6	77 30	18 00	95 30
Prime, Mark	Machinist	Saco	Maine	546	6	54 60	18 00	72 60
Phelps, James	Lawyer	Essex	Connecticut	330	4	33 00	12 00	45 00
Remington, W. H.	Mechanic	St. Louis	Missouri	1,070	6	107 00	18 00	125 00
Rich, Thomas	Printer	Washington	Dis. of Col.	40	6	4 00	18 00	22 00
Robinson, E. C.	Dentist	Norfolk	Virginia	200	6	20 00	18 00	38 00
Robinson, J. H.	Tobacconist	Lynchburg	Virginia	300	6	30 00	18 00	48 00
Senter, Timothy G.	Teacher	Portsmouth	N. Hampsh'e	500	6	50 00	18 00	68 00
Shackelford, Thomas	Lawyer	Canton	Mississippi	1,400	6	140 00	18 00	158 00
Starr, James E.	Merchant	Alton	Illinois	1,120	6	112 00	18 00	130 00
Stetson, H. G.	Merchant	New Orleans	Louisiana	1,490	6	149 00	18 00	167 00
Stockbridge, Jason	Clerk	Baltimore	Maryland		6		18 00	18 00

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NAMES.	PROFESSION.	Town.	State.	Distance from Baltimore.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
Straw, J. B.	Dentist	Bangor	Maine	660	6	$ 66 00	$18 00	$ 84 00
Strong, William A.	Planter	Black Hawk	Mississippi	1,340	6	134 00	18 00	152 00
Stuart, F. D.	Draughtsman	Washington	Dis. of Col.	40	6	4 00	18 00	22 00
Thayer, William	Bank Officer	Charleston	S. Carolina	710	6	71 00	18 00	89 00
Tower, L. F.	Merchant	New Orleans	Louisiana	1,490	6	149 00	18 00	167 00
Tucker, I. M.	City Clerk	Newark	New Jersey.	184	6	18 40	18 00	36 40
Vansant, Joshua	Hat Manufacturer	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	6	.....	18 00	18 00
Veitch, Isaac M.	President Telegraph Co.	St. Louis	Missouri	1,070	6	107 00	18 00	125 00
Wallace, John	Manufacturer	Ansonia	Connecticut	275	5	27 50	15 00	42 50
Webster, H. L.	Silversmith	Providence	Rhode Island	400	6	40 00	18 00	58 00
Whitaker, J. S.	Physician	Centreton	New Jersey.	130	6	13 00	18 00	31 00
White, William	Forwarder	Kenosha	Wisconsin	1,285	6	128 50	18 00	146 50
Williams, George C.	Lawyer	Lancaster	N. Hampsh'e	670	6	67 00	18 00	85 00
Wolford, C.	Artist	Louisville	Kentucky	796	6	79 60	18 00	97 60
Woodbridge, F. E.	Lawyer	Virginia	Vermont	493	6	49 30	18 00	67 30
Woolsey, Daniel	Merchant	Evansville	Indiana	1,085	6	108 50	18 00	126 50
Wright, David H.	Carpenter	Madison	Wisconsin	1,440	6	144 00	18 00	162 00
				90,273	542	$9,027 30	1,626 00	$10,653 30

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend article fourteenth of the Constitution, by striking out the word "fifty" and inserting "one hundred."

Amend article fourteenth of the Constitution, by striking out the word "fifty" and inserting "seventy-five."

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary draw upon the Grand Treasurer for twelve dollars in favor of Bro. J. J. Johnson, Assistant Messenger, for six days' services during the present session; also, in favor of Jacob Mearis, for five dollars, for extra services as keeper of the hall.

Rep. Booth, of Connecticut, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger be directed to forward by mail to each officer and member of this Grand Lodge one copy of the proceedings of each day that may not be printed in season to be placed in their possession prior to adjournment, and that he be also directed to forward by mail one copy of the same to such persons whose names shall be furnished for the purpose by the members, provided the number does not exceed fifteen copies to each member.

Rep. Dwinelle, of California, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this R. W. Grand Lodge has received with sorrow the intelligence of the severe and protracted illness of the M. W. Grand Sire, William Ellison, which has prevented his attendance at the present session; that we tender to him our heartfelt sympathy and our earnest hopes for his speedy recovery, which we trust will enable him to be present at the next session, when we hope to renew to him personally the expression of that high regard which he has won by his ability, his devotion to our Order, and his private worth.

Rep. English, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in the case of a vacancy in the office of Noble Grand or Vice Grand of a Subordinate Lodge, and all qualified members refusing to accept either of said offices, the Lodge may elect a scarlet degree member thereto, who shall be entitled to the honors as in the case of constituting a new Lodge; provided, however, that a dispensation for the purpose be first obtained from the proper authority in the jurisdiction to which the Lodge belongs.

Rep. Parker, of California, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order inquire into the expediency of consolidating the Order on the Pacific Coast and the Islands of the Pacific into one Grand Lodge and one Grand Encampment; provided that the Grand Bodies of Oregon and California will assent thereto.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the next annual session of this Grand Lodge be held at the city of Trenton, in the State of New Jersey.

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, the resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Williams, of New Hampshire, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend article three, section one, of the Constitution, so that the last clause thereof shall read as follows: "And shall be installed into their respective offices at the conclusion of said stated communication."

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was resolved in the negative:

Resolved, That the R. W. Corresponding and Recording Secretary be permitted to furnish the publishers of periodicals devoted to the cause of Odd-Fellowship the use of the plates of the portraits of all the Past Grand Sires, to obtain impressions therefrom to be affixed to their respective publications, that a memorial of these distinguished officers may be diffused generally throughout the Order; provided that such impressions be taken by some person in this city whom the R. W. Corresponding and Recording Secretary may be assured will use due caution to preserve said plates from damage.

Rep. Hodgson, of the District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which the Chair ruled out of order:

Resolved, That the law of this Grand Lodge requiring dues to be charged against members who were suspended for non-payment of dues, during the period of their suspension, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are unanimously due and are hereby tendered to the fraternity of the city of Norfolk, Va., for the kind and courteous reception which was extended to us, and the profuse and generous hospitality continued towards the Grand Lodge during its visit to that city.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Body are hereby respectfully tendered to the City Council of Norfolk, and to Capt. J. W. Pugh, of the steamboat Hunter Woodis, for the generous kindness which prompted them to offer their steamboat to convey us to and from the Gosport Navy Yard, thus affording us an opportunity to examine the various objects of interest in that locality.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, attested by the R. W. Grand Officers, with the seal of the Lodge, be transmitted to the fraternity at Norfolk, and to Capt. Pugh, of the steamboat Hunter Woodis.

Resolved, That our thanks are also due to the officers of the ship of the line Pennsylvania for the particular care and politeness with which they conducted us to that ship.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary and R. W. Grand Treasurer be appointed a special committee to have the photograph pictures taken and presented to the Grand Lodge by J. H. Whitehurst put in frame or frames, and the same suspended in this hall, and that the same be paid for out of any funds of this Grand Lodge not otherwise appropriated.

On motion of Rep. Starr, of Illinois, the resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Dwinelle, of California, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Add at the end of section four, article sixteen, of the Constitution, the words: "Provided, however, that brethren who shall have been suspended for non-pay-

ment of dues, and for no other cause, and who shall reside out of the jurisdiction under which they may have been suspended, may, with the consent of such jurisdiction, be re-admitted to membership in the jurisdiction in which they may then reside, on such terms as the jurisdiction within which they may then reside may prescribe."

Rep. Clayton, of Southern New York, laid on the table the following amendment to the constitution:

To amend article twelve by striking out the word "annually," in the first line, and inserting "biennially," and to strike out the words "annual and annually," wherever they occur in the Constitution in reference to the meetings of the Grand Lodge, and to insert in lieu thereof the words "biennial and biennially."

Also, to amend article nine by striking out the word "two," where it occurs in the third line between the word "years," and inserting "four;" and by striking out "annually," in the fourth line, and inserting "every two years."

Rep. Starr, of Illinois, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Add at the end of section four, article sixteen, of the Constitution, the words: "Provided, however, that members of the Order, having been suspended for non-payment of dues, and for no other cause, during a period not less than two years, may be re-admitted to membership, with the consent of the respective Grand Body within whose jurisdiction they may reside, in subordinates under such Grand Body, on such terms as it may prescribe."

Rep. Parker, of California, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Add at the end of section four of article sixteen the words: "Provided, however, that the several Grand Bodies situate upon the Pacific may re-admit to membership within their respective jurisdictions, upon such terms as they may prescribe, suspended members of the Order residing in the same who may have been suspended in other jurisdictions for non-payment of dues, and for no other cause."

On motion of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the reports of committees.

The report, page 2622, from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of P. G. T. J. Organ, of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 2623, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the constitution of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Unfinished Business, page 2624, was considered, accepted, and the committee discharged.

The next report, page 2625, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 2627, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the subject of P. G. Horace Brooks and the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire during the recess, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, the subjects referred to in the report were considered *seriatim*.

The question being on so much of the report as referred to P. G. Horace Brooks, it was adopted.

The question being on so much of the report as relates to the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire during the recess, the Lodge considered the same *seriatim*, and adopted the entire report of the committee thereon.

The next report, page 2630, from the Legislative Committee, on the propriety of creating a law permitting the Daughters of Rebekah to be present at installations of officers of Grand Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the communication from the Grand Encampment of Texas, was considered. The report was concurred in, and the resolution being under consideration—

Rep. Dearborn, of Illinois, moved to amend as follows, which was agreed to:

"Provided no Subordinate Encampment be located within thirty miles of such new Encampment."

The question recurring on the resolution as amended, it was adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Kentucky, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 2631, from the Committee on Finance, in relation to compensation to P. G. Sire Moore for the preparation of the Index to the fourth volume, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Petitions, on the report of the Grand Sire on State Encampment, No. 2, was considered, concurred in, and the resolution accompanying adopted.

The next report, page 2632, from the Legislative Committee, touching public installations, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, being from same committee, upon the subject of the endorsement of cards by the holders thereof, was considered.

Rep. Buckingham, of Massachusetts, moved to recommit the report, with instructions to report the following:

Resolved, That all final and visiting cards should be signed by the holder thereof, in the presence of the officer by whom the annual password is communicated."

Which was agreed to, and the report was accordingly recommitted.

The next report, page 2632, from the Legislative Committee, on certain proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, was considered and adopted.

By unanimous consent, the special order under consideration was temporarily suspended to enable committees to report.

Rep. Craighead, of Ohio, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was recommitted, with instructions, the report, to be found upon page 2632 of the printed Journal, touching the time and place of endorsing visiting and final cards by

holders of the same, pursuant to said instructions, offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That all visiting and final cards shall hereafter be signed by the holders thereof in the presence of the officer by whom the annual password is communicated to such holders.

S. CRAIGHEAD,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
WM. CURTIS,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE.

Rep. Craighead, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred, on the recommendation of the Committee on the State of the Order, so much of the Most Worthy Grand Sire's report as suggests the modification of our law which holds suspended members responsible for dues accruing during the period of suspension, believing with the Grand Sire that some change of the law in favor of suspended members would enure to the benefit of the Order, report for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That Subordinate Lodges, in reinstating members suspended for nonpayment of dues, shall have power to remit, in whole or in part, the dues accruing during the suspension of such members.

S. CRAIGHEAD,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE,
WM. CURTIS.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to which was referred, on the recommendation of the Committee on the State of the Order, the eighth decision of the Grand Sire, relative to the position of an officer of this Grand Lodge, or of a State Grand Lodge, taking a withdrawal card for the purpose of depositing the same with his Grand Lodge with a view to applying for a charter for a new Subordinate Lodge, ask leave to report that they have considered the subject, and are of opinion that a question of this difficulty should be met by new legislation. They recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That an officer of this Grand Lodge, or of a State Grand Lodge, taking a withdrawal card, does not vacate his office thereby if the same be immediately deposited in his State Grand Lodge, accompanying the application for a new charter; provided, that while holding such withdrawal card, and until such new Lodge be instituted such person can discharge no official act.

R. B. BOYLSTON,
S. CRAIGHEAD,
WM. CURTIS,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE.

Rep. Foute, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not represented, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Grand Bodies not represented with pleasure report that Representatives are present from the entire jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge, with few exceptions, namely: Michigan, Minnesota, and Canada West. By reference to the report of the Worthy Grand Secretary, your committee are enabled to report that these several jurisdictions are in a healthful condition and gradually on the increase, and regret that any cause has prevented them having Representatives on this floor.

AUGUSTUS M. FOUTE,
EDWARD MITCHELL,
J. E. STARR,
DAVID H. WRIGHT,
JOHN WALLACE.

The Lodge, on motion of Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, resumed the special order, viz. the consideration of the reports of committees in the order in which they appear upon the Journal.

The next report, page 2636, from the Committee on Finance, was considered.

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, moved that the report be concurred in and the resolutions accompanying adopted.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, moved to amend the last resolution by striking out "twenty" and inserting "twenty-five."

Rep. J. H. Robinson, of Virginia, moved further to amend as follows:

Resolved, That hereafter the price of all supplies furnished by this Grand Lodge to Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments be fixed at one hundred per cent. above the present prices.

Rep. Pruett, of Kentucky, moved the previous question; which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. J. H. Robinson, of Virginia?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurred on the amendment of Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurred on the motion of Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, to concur in the report and adopt the resolutions of the committee, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 2638, from the Committee on Petitions, on the subject of warrants issued during the recess, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from same committee, on the petition for a charter for an encampment at Lahiana, Maui, Sandwich Islands, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 2639, from the Committee on Printing, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Correspondence, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, same page, was considered; and,

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, was postponed to the next session.

The next report, from the Legislative Committee, page 2640, on the expediency of allowing lodges to hold their meetings monthly, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 2641, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Texas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 2642, from the special committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to the death of P. G. R. S. Brown, of New Hampshire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 2643, from the Legislative Committee, on the subject of returns, was considered, concurred in, and the resolution accompanying adopted.

By unanimous consent, the special order was postponed.

On motion of Rep. Starr, of Illinois, leave of absence was granted to the Rev. Grand Chaplain from and after to-day.

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, asked and obtained leave of absence after to-day for Rep. Clarke, of Florida.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS it appears from the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary that there is a deficiency in the funds necessary to meet the current and prospective expenses of the Grand Lodge; and whereas the Grand Lodge has refused to amend the Constitution increasing the representative tax; and whereas it is the duty of the Grand Lodge to provide the ways and means necessary to meet the liabilities without requiring the Grand Officers to borrow money to pay the same: therefore

Resolved, That all supplies furnished by this Grand Lodge be increased 25 per cent. on the present prices, and that the Grand Secretary charge the same accordingly, excepting cards.

Rep. Craighead, of Ohio, moved to indefinitely postpone the resolution.

The question being on the motion to postpone indefinitely, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, it was adopted.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of reports of committees.

The report of the Committee on Appeals, page 2645, on the appeal of A. Shinkle, of Kentucky, being under consideration—

Rep. Pruett, of Kentucky, moved to strike out all after the the word "resolved" in the resolution accompanying, and to insert as follows: "That the appeal be dismissed." The Lodge, upon a count, being equally divided, the Chair declared the amendment resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the report of the committee, it was concurred in, and the accompanying resolution adopted.

The report from the Committee on Appeals, on the matter of griev-

ance presented by Rep. Woolsey, of Indiana, page 2647 Journal, was considered.

The question being on the report, it was concurred in.

The question being on the resolution accompanying—

Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, moved to amend it so as to make the dismissal without prejudice; which was agreed to, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

The report from the Committee on Appeals, page 2646, in the matter of the remonstrance of P. G. Sire W. W. Moore and others against the eligibility of Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, was considered.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, moved to concur in the report and adopt the resolution accompanying.

Rep. Hodgson, of District of Columbia, moved the following as a substitute for the resolution:

Resolved, That P. G. M. Frederic D. Stuart is entitled to a seat in this Grand Lodge as a Representative from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, he being, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, a resident of the District of Columbia.

Pending the consideration of which, the hour of 3½ o'clock having arrived—

On motion of Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, the Lodge adjourned until 5 o'clock.

FIVE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present the same Grand Officers as of the morning session.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the subject pending at the time of the adjournment, viz. the report and resolution of the Committee on Appeals, in the matter of the remonstrance of P. G. Sire W. W. Moore and others against the eligibility of Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, and the substitute for the resolution of the committee, offered by Rep. Hodgson, of the District of Columbia.

The question being on the substitute of Rep. Hodgson, of the District of Columbia—

Rep. English, of Pennsylvania, raised the following point of order:

The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia having elected P. G. M. Frederic D. Stuart its Representative in this Grand Lodge, and there being no contestant of his seat in this body, can a question of order be entertained when presented in the form of an appeal by parties not personally interested in the issue?

The Chair ruled that as the question came up on appeal from the action of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, the report of the committee was in order.

The question recurring on the substitute of Rep. Hodgson, of the District of Columbia, for the resolution accompanying the report of the committee, it was adopted.

The question recurring on the report of the Committee on Appeals—

On motion of Rep. Askew, of Delaware, the Lodge non-concurred therein.

The Lodge, under the direction of the Chair, being about to proceed to other business—

Rep. Dwinelle, of California, demanded the question on the resolution of Rep. Hodgson, of the District of Columbia, as substituted for the resolution accompanying the report of the Committee on Appeals.

The Chair ruled that there was now no question on that subject, the substitute having been, by a vote of the Lodge, already adopted in the stead of the resolution accompanying the report of the Committee on Appeals; whereupon

Rep. Dwinelle made the following point of order:

That the motion to strike out a pending resolution and insert a substitute, if it prevails, does not avoid the necessity of acting upon the substitute, but only places the substitute before the Lodge for its action, instead of the original resolution.

The Chair ruled that no motion had been made, as the point of order suggested, to strike out a pending resolution and to insert a substitute, but the motion was to substitute the resolution of Rep. Hodgson for the resolution of the Committee on Appeals. Upon that motion action had been had, and the substitute had been adopted by the Lodge instead of the original resolution; there could therefore be no necessity of again taking a vote upon the adoption of the same substitute. Strictly speaking, a substitute, as such, was not in order, not being recognised by Cushing, whose manual the Grand Lodge had adopted as its guide; but as it had been introduced and acted upon as such by the Lodge, the decision of the Chair must be made in view of the circumstances. Substitutes were generally in the nature of amendments, and subject to the same parliamentary rules. If they left any part of the original proposition remaining, then it would be proper to take the question on the original proposition as amended by the substitute. But if the substitute adopted occupied the entire ground of the original resolution and left nothing remaining, then to put the question a second time upon the adoption of a substitute already adopted would, in the opinion of the Chair, be wholly superfluous.

Rep. Dwinelle, of California, appealed from the decision of the Chair; and the question being, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" it was resolved in the negative.

The question was then put on the substitute of Rep. Hodgson, of the District of Columbia, as substituted for the resolution accompanying the report of the Committee on Appeals, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

D. G. Sire George W. Race having retired from the chair, D. G. Sire E. C. Robinson *pro tem.* presided.

Rep. Buckingham, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was taken rising, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge tenders its hearty thanks to Deputy Grand Sire George W. Race for the courteous, able, and prompt manner with which he has performed the varied, arduous, and unexpected duties of Grand Sire during the present session.

D. G. Sire Race, having resumed the chair, expressed his deep felt acknowledgments to the Lodge for the honor conferred by the resolu-

tion just passed, under circumstances calculated to impress the occasion on his memory as one to be cherished by him with pride and pleasure so long as he should live.

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, the Lodge agreed to reconsider the vote had on yesterday to adjourn *sine die* at 3½ o'clock this day.

The question being on the motion to adjourn *sine die* at 3½ o'clock this day—

On motion of Rep. Foster, of Louisiana, the resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That when this Grand Lodge adjourns this evening, it adjourns to meet at 9 o'clock on Monday, 22d instant.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved to lay the resolution on the table; which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Askew, of Delaware, it was adopted.

Rep. English, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be authorized, under the direction of the R. W. Grand Secretary of this body, to have the work of the Order translated and printed in the Welsh language, provided that the same shall be done free of expense to this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

To make section two of article nine read as follows:

"Section 2. Every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing, shall be entitled to one vote in the Grand Lodge. Every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing, shall be entitled to two votes. And no State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than one Grand Representative at the same time."

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, the Lodge adjourned until Monday morning, at 9 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 22—9 o'clock A. M..

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

GEO. W. RACE, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, presiding.
E. C. ROBINSON, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire *pro tem.*
JAS. L. RIDGELY, R. W. Grand Cor. and Recording Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT, R. W. Grand Secretary.
JAMES W. HALE, R. W. Grand Marshal.
REV. BRO. JOHN C. McCABE, R. W. Grand Chaplain *pro tem.*
SOLOMON H. LEWYT, W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, W. Grand Messenger.

And a constitutional quorum, as follows:

Grand Lodges.—Maryland, Massachusetts, District of Columbia, Delaware, Louisiana, Kentucky, Indiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Illinois,

Connecticut, Texas, South Carolina, North Carolina, Maine, New Hampshire, Wisconsin, Iowa, California, Lower Provinces, and Oregon —21.

Grand Encampments.—Maryland, Southern New York, Ohio, New Jersey, Virginia, South Carolina, Massachusetts, Kentucky, New Hampshire, Wisconsin, Mississippi, District of Columbia, Tennessee, Indiana, Delaware, Missouri, Texas, and California—17.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. John C. McCabe, R. W. Grand Chaplain *p. t.*

On motion of Rep. Booth, of Connecticut, the reading of the minutes of the several sessions of Saturday was dispensed with.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Representative Parker, of California, directing them to report upon the expediency of consolidating the several Grand Bodies on the Pacific coast under the jurisdiction of one Grand Lodge and one Grand Encampment, would respectfully report that they have nothing before them which enables them to form or express any judgment in the premises; and therefore they ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the matter.

H. F. ASKEW,
JOHN W. DWINELLE,
W. K. EDWARDS,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the acts of this Grand Body advancing the prices of supplies shall take effect from and after the close of the present session.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, moved to amend by striking out the words "the close of the present session," and inserting the words "passage of the law advancing the same."

On motion of Rep. Starr, of Illinois, the whole subject was ordered to lie on the table, the yeas and nays appearing as follows:

YEAS.—Askew, Barry, Booth, Buckingham, Burbank, Birchard, Caldwell, (2 votes,) Carr, (2 votes,) Dwinelle, Eckel, Edwards, Ellis, Evans, (2 votes,) Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, Foster, (2 votes,) Foute, Herndon, Hills, Hodgson, Holbrook, Hunt, Hyneman, Kennedy, Krogman, Layton, Lockett, McLain, (2 votes,) Marley, Moore of Texas, Parker, Pruett, Prime, Remington, Rich, E. C. Robinson, Senter, Shackelford, Starr, (2 votes,) Stockbridge, Straw, Strong, Stuart, Vansant, White, Williams, Wolford, (2 votes,) Woolsey, Wright—57.

NAYS.—Cassedy, Fuller, Phelps, Thayer, (2 votes)—5.

Rep. Williams, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the next session of this Grand Lodge be held in the city of Baltimore; provided, however, that the M. W. Grand Sire be and he is hereby authorized to call the next session of this Grand Lodge at such place as he may deem

most practicable, in case he should be satisfied that the health of the city determined upon by this Grand Lodge for its place of meeting should render such a change necessary.

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That in view of the embarrassed state of the finances of this Grand Body, and the resort to an increase in the price of supplies to meet the expenses thereof, no per diem be allowed beyond Saturday, the 20th instant.

Rep. Luckett, of Texas, moved to postpone the resolution indefinitely.

Rep. Williams, of New Hampshire, moved to lay the whole subject on the table.

The question being on the motion to lay the whole subject on the table, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Dep. Dwinelle, of California, moved the following additional rule of order, which was adopted:

38. Propositions for the amendment of the Constitution, made in conformity with article twenty-one of the Constitution, may be made and entered on the Journal as a matter of course, without any action of the Grand Lodge. This rule shall also apply to all such reports of standing committees as are required to lie on the table one day, by rule thirty-six.

Also, the following, which was adopted:

39. When a report of the Committee of Appeals, or a resolution accompanying the same, is regularly before the Lodge and action is being had thereon, the statement of facts contained in the report of the committee and in the record of appeal shall be deemed conclusive, and it shall not be in order to make any statement in debate thereon inconsistent with the facts so stated in such record or report. This rule shall not apply when action is had upon a motion to recommit such report with instructions.

Rep. Dwinelle, of California, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the vote by which the amendment to article sixteen of the Constitution, proposed by Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, found in the printed Journal, page 2532, was indefinitely postponed, be reconsidered.

The question now being on the motion indefinitely to postpone the proposed amendment of Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, to the Constitution, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the proposed amendment of Rep. Ellis, of Maryland—

Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, moved the previous question; which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the proposed amendment of Rep. Ellis, of Maryland?" which was unanimously resolved in the negative.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, now moved the following resolution, which was adopted unanimously:

Resolved, That any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment violating the provisions of the third section of the sixteenth article of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, upon conviction thereof before the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of the jurisdiction within which the same is located, shall forfeit and pay to the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of the jurisdiction within which the person

admitted to membership in violation of the provisions of said section shall reside, all initiation and degree charges received from such person up to the date of such conviction.

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That, in view of the embarrassed condition of the finances of this body, no per diem be allowed for Sunday, the 21st instant.

Rep. Eckel, of Delaware, moved to strike out all after the word "resolved," and insert the following:

That the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer be authorised to receive, as a donation to the treasury of this Grand Lodge, the per diem and mileage of such Representatives as may see proper to relinquish the same or any part thereof.

On motion of Rep. Williams, of New Hampshire, the subject was laid on the table.

On motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of reports of committees.

The first report, being from the Committee on Petitions, page 2648, Journal, on the petition of the Grand Lodge of Canada West for remission of dues, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the resolution of Rep. Woolsey, of Indiana, page 2649, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, same page, on the resolution of Rep. Hills, of Massachusetts, was considered and adopted.

The report from the Committee on the State of the Order, page 2650 Journal, on the resolution of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, touching the duty of Noble Grands and Vice Grands to occupy the Noble Grand's chair, was considered.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, moved to recommit the report to the committee, with instructions to report in conformity with his resolution on page 2611 of the Journal; which was adopted, and the report was accordingly recommitted.

The report from the Legislative Committee on the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, page 2587 of the Journal, was considered and adopted.

The report from the Committee on Constitutions on the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Maryland was considered and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, page 2656, was considered and adopted.

The report from the Legislative Committee, page 2664 Journal, on the subject of the time and place of signing cards by the holders thereof, was considered and adopted.

The report from the Legislative Committee, page 2665, relative to a modification of the law upon the subject of suspended members, was considered.

Rep. Senter, of New Hampshire, moved to indefinitely postpone the subject; which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the report and resolution accompanying—

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, moved to amend the resolution by inserting, after the word "lodges," the words "and encampments;" which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the report and resolution as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The report from the same committee, page 2665, on the eighth decision of the Grand Sire, and the legislation in reference thereto recommended, was considered; and,

On motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, was postponed until the next session.

The report, page 2666, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not represented, was considered and adopted.

The report from the Committee on the State of the Order, page 2671, on the resolution of Rep. Parker, of California, upon the subject of consolidating the several Grand Jurisdictions on the Pacific, was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. Marley, of Maryland, the rule requiring reports to lie over for one day was suspended for the remainder of the session.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was accepted, and the committee discharged with the thanks of the Grand Lodge:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your committee, to whom was entrusted the distribution of three hundred dollars to our suffering brethren in Norfolk and Portsmouth, by a resolution adopted at the last session of this Grand Lodge, promptly discharged the pleasing duty imposed upon them, and herewith return the receipts for the same.

E. C. ROBINSON,
E. H. FITZHUGH.

Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That a member of the Order who resides in one jurisdiction, and is a contributing member of a lodge in an adjoining jurisdiction, (he having been initiated in the nearest lodge to his residence by the consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master of the State or jurisdiction in which he resides,) is entitled to the same privileges and honors to which members are entitled who belong to lodges located in the State or jurisdiction in which they reside.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, the resolution was referred to the consideration of the next session.

Rep. Hunt, of Texas, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem present the annexed supplementary tabular statement, containing the amount of per diem pay to which each member is entitled since the report of this committee on Saturday last.

Your committee, in submitting this their final report, ask respectfully that the following resolution be adopted, and that they be discharged from further service:

Resolved, That the amount of three hundred and thirty dollars for per diem, as set forth in the accompanying tabular statement, be and the same is hereby ordered to be paid.

E. P. HUNT,
CHARLES WOLFORD,
THOMAS J. McLAIN,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
E. G. FULLER.

Supplementary Table of Per Diem.

NAMES.	Number of days.	Amount.	NAMES.	Number of days.	Amount.
GRAND OFFICERS.			Kennedy, John A.....	2	$6 00
R. W. D. G. Sire G. W. Race	2	$6 00	Krogman, Samuel B.....	2	6 00
R. W. G. Mar. Jas. W. Hale.	2	6 00	Layton, C. R.....	2	6 00
R. W. G. Guar. S. H. Lewyt	2	6 00	Lockett, Henry E.....	2	6 00
REPRESENTATIVES.			McLain, T. J.....	2	6 00
Askew, H. F.....	2	6 00	Marley, Richard.....	2	6 00
Barry, E. H.....	2	6 00	Mitchell, Edward.....	2	6 00
Birchard, J. F.....	2	6 00	Moore, James W.....	2	6 00
Booth, David B.....	2	6 00	Parker, Samuel H.....	2	6 00
Buckingham, Chas. E.....	2	6 00	Phelps, James..	2	6 00
Burbank, Moses M.....	2	6 00	Pruett, John W.....	2	6 00
Caldwell, Richard A.....	2	6 00	Prime, Mark.....	2	6 00
Carr, James.....	2	6 00	Remington, W. H.....	2	6 00
Cassedy, George W.....	2	6 00	Rich, Thomas..	2	6 00
Dwinelle, John W.....	2	6 00	Robinson, E. C	2	6 00
Eckel, Henry.....	2	6 00	Senter, Timothy G.....	2	6 00
Edwards, William K.....	2	6 00	Shackelford, Thomas.....	2	6 00
Ellis, F. A.....	2	6 00	Starr, James E.....	2	6 00
Evans, Thomas D.....	2	6 00	Stockbridge, Jason.....	2	6 00
Farnsworth, E. D.....	2	6 00	Straw, S. B.....	2	6 00
Fitzhugh, E. H.....	2	6 00	Strong, William A.....	2	6 00
Foster, William H.....	2	6 00	Stuart, Frederic D.....	2	6 00
Foute, A. M.....	2	6 00	Thayer, William.....	2	6 00
Fuller, E. G.....	2	6 00	Vansant, Joshua.....	2	6 00
Herndon, Milton.....	2	6 00	White, William.....	2	6 00
Hills, P. K.....	2	6 00	Williams, George C.....	2	6 00
Hodgson, J. W.	2	6 00	Wolford, Charles.....	2	6 00
Holbrook, Amory.....	2	6 00	Woolsey, Daniel.....	2	6 00
Hunt, E. P.....	2	6 00	Wright, David H.....	2	6 00
Hyneman, Moses..	2	6 00			
				114	$342 00

Rep. Straw, of Maine, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend article nine, section three, of the Constitution, by striking out the words following, commencing on the fourth line: "And he must reside in the State, District, or Territory in which the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which he represents is located;" and instead thereof insert the following: "And he must have been at the time of his election a member of some subordinate lodge and encampment at least one year in the jurisdiction which he represents."

Twelve o'clock, the hour fixed for recess, having now arrived—

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, the rule was rescinded for the remainder of the session.

Rep. Dwinelle, of California, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was considered, the report concurred in, and the resolution accompanying adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, to be found on page 2511 of the Journal, would respectfully report that the Vice Grand is an elective officer of a Lodge, and the duties of Noble Grand devolve on and ought to be performed by the Vice Grand during the absence of the Noble Grand, except when such absence is merely temporary, in which case such duties are to be performed by the Right Hand Supporter to the Noble Grand, according to the charge book. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the laws of the Grand Lodge require the Noble Grand of a lodge always when present at its meetings to preside, and the Vice Grand to act as Noble Grand in the absence of that officer; and that a Noble Grand, or Vice Grand acting as Noble Grand, has not the right or power to waive his right and place a Past Grand in the Noble Grand's chair during the presence in the lodge room of either of the first two officers above named; provided that this decision is not to be considered as applicable to a *temporary* absence during a portion of a lodge meeting of those officers, in which case the chair must be filled as provided in the charge book.

H. F. ASKEW,
JOHN W. DWINELLE,
E. H. FITZHUGH,
W. K. EDWARDS.

On motion of Rep. Askew, of Delaware, the Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

After some hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

Rep. Vansant, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the sum of four dollars be and is hereby appropriated for the payment of the additional services of P. G. J. J. Johnson, and that the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay the same to P. G. Johnson.

On motion of Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, the Lodge resolved to adjourn *sine die*.

When, after prayer by Rev. Bro. John D. McCabe, R. W. Grand Chaplain *pro tem.*, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire presiding, Geo. W. Race, proclaimed the Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *C. and R. Sec'y.*

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

OF THE

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

OFFICERS.

M. W. Grand Sire WILLIAM ELLISON.....Boston, Massachusetts.
R. W. D. Grand Sire GEORGE W. RACE....New Orleans, Louisiana.
R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary JAS. L. RIDGELY.Baltimore, Maryland.
R. W. Grand Treasurer JOSHUA VANSANT..Baltimore, Maryland.
R. W. Grand Chaplain REV. REUBEN JONES.Norfolk county, Virginia.
R. W. Grand Marshal JAMES W. HALE....New York city.
R. W. Grand Guardian SOLOMON H. LEWYT.Baltimore, Maryland.
R. W. Grand Messenger J. E. CHAMBERLAIN.Baltimore, Maryland.

REPRESENTATIVES.*

P. G. M. *Adams, George W.*.....Macon, Georgia.
P. G. *Adams, Samuel L.*.....Louisville, Kentucky.
P. G. *Adams, J. P.*.....———, Maine.
P. G. M. Askew, Henry F.....Wilmington, Delaware.
P. G. Barnard, F. J.....Mobile, Alabama.
P. G. *Barnes, A. A.*.....Knoxville, Tennessee.
P. G. *Barry, E. H.*.....Indianapolis, Indiana.
P. G. M. Booth, David B.....Norwalk, Connecticut.
P. G. *Boylston, R. B.*.....Winsboro', S. Carolina.
P. G. P. Buckingham, Charles E.....Boston, Massachusetts.
P. G. M. *Burbank, Moses M.*.....Franklin, N. Hampshire.
P. G. *Birchard, J. F.*.....Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

* Those in *italics* are members of the next Grand Lodge.

P. G. M. Butt, John D.†.....Augusta, Georgia.
P. G. *Caldwell, Richard A.*.....Wadesboro', N. Caroline
P. G. Carr, James.....Paris, Missouri.
P. G. Cassedy, George W.....Jersey city, New Jersey
G. Sec. Clark, Asa B.....Tallahassee, Florida.
P. G. M. Clayton, John G.....New York city.
P. G. P. Coats, Paxson.....Cincinnati, Ohio.
P. G. *Conley, Benjamin*.....Augusta, Georgia.
P. G. M. *Cook, William H.*.....Hillsville, Virginia.
P. G. M. *Craighead, Samuel*.....Dayton, Ohio.
G. Sec. Curtis, William.....Philadelphia, Pennsyl'nia.
P. G. P. *Dearborn, N. H.*.....St. Charles, Illinois.
P. C. P. Dwinelle, John W.....San Francisco, California.
P. G. *Eckel, Henry*.....Wilmington, Delaware.
P. G. M. Edwards, William K.....Terre Haute, Indiana.
P. G. Ellis, F. A.....Elkton, Maryland.
P. G. English, William.....Philadelphia, Pennsyl'nia.
P. G. M. Evans, Thomas D.....Fairfield, Iowa.
G. M. Farnsworth, E. D.....Nashville, Tennessee.
P. G. M. *Fenton, W. M.*.....———, Michigan.
P. G. M. *Fitzhugh, E. H.*.....Wheeling, Virginia.
P. G. Foster, William H.....New Orleans, Louisiana.
P. G. *Foute, A. M.*.....Jackson, Mississippi.
D. D. G. Sire Fuller, E. G.....Halifax, Nova Scotia.
G. Sec. Garrett, William.....Burlington, Iowa.
P. G. M. Gilmore, Dexter.....Utica, New York.
P. G. M. *Hall, A. D.*.....Gainesville, Alabama.
P. G. P. Hansford, C. R.†.....Montgomery, Alabama.
P. G. M. *Heisey, Martin*.....Burlington, Iowa.
P. G. M. Herndon, Milton.....Crawfordsville. Indiana.
P. G. P. Hills, P. K.....Newburyport, Mass.
P. G. M. Hodgson, J. W.....Washington, Dis. of Col.
P. G. M. *Horner, John S.*.....Helena, Arkansas.
G. Sec. *Hunt, E. P.*.....Galveston, Texas.
P. G. Hyneman, Moses.....Auburn, California.
P. G. *Holbrook, Amory*.....Oregon city, Oregon.
P. G. Sire Kennedy, John A.....New York city.
P. G. M. *Krogman, Samuel B.*.....Boston, Massachusetts.
P. G. M. *Langdon, Dewit C.*.....New York city.
P. G. Layton, C. Rodney.....Georgetown, Delaware.
P. G. M. *Lockett, Henry E.*.....Washington, Texas.
P. G. P. *McLain, T. J.*.....Warren, Ohio.

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† These Representatives were members of the session of 1856 by virtue of credentials submitted and reported upon at the session of 1855. Credentials were again presented at the session of 1856, and reported upon by the Committee on Credentials. The seats are recorded as vacant for the reason that, if they held under the report of the committee in 1855, the constitutional term of two years is expired; if under the report of 1856, the seats are also vacant, as they could only hold upon the theory of resignation and for the unexpired term, which was complete with the session of 1856.

G. Sec. *Mitchell, E.*.....Charleston, S. Carolina.
P. G. *Moore, Charles*.....Pottstown, Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. Moore, James W.....Galveston, Texas.
P. G. M. *Morgan, Tracy C.*.....Binghampton, New York.
P. G. M. Marley, Richard.....Baltimore, Maryland.
P. G. *Packer, W. F.*.....———, Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. *Parker, Samuel H.*.....San Francisco, California.
P. D. G. M. Potter, William, Jr.....Potter Hill, Rhode Island.
G. Sec. *Prall, Wm. H. H.*.....Syracuse, New York.
P. G. M. *Pruett, John W.*.....Frankfort, Kentucky.
P. G. *Prime, Mark*.....Saco, Maine.
G. M. *Phelps, James*.....Essex, Connecticut.
P. G. P. Remington, W. H.....St. Louis, Missouri.
P. G. M. Rich, Thomas.....Washington, Dis. of Col.
P. G. M. Robinson, E. C.....Norfolk, Virginia.
P. G. M. Robinson, J. H.....Lynchburg, Virginia.
P. G. M. Senter, Timothy G.....Portsmouth, N. Hampsh'e.
P. G. *Shackleford, Thomas*.....Canton, Mississippi.
P. G. M. *Starr, James E.*.....Alton, Illinois.
P. G. M. *Stetson, H. G.*.....New Orleans, Louisiana.
P. G. M. *Stockbridge, Jason*.....Baltimore, Maryland.
P. G. M. Straw, J. B.....Bangor, Maine.
P. G. M. Strong, William A.....Black Hawk, Mississippi.
P. G. M. *Stuart, F. D.*.....Washington, Dis. of Col.
P. G. Thayer, William.....Charleston, S. Carolina.
P. G. P. Tower, L. F.....New Orleans, Louisiana.
P. G. Tucker, Isaac M.....Newark, New Jersey.
P. G. *Vansant, Joshua*.....Baltimore, Maryland.
P. G. M. *Veitch, Isaac M.*.....St. Louis, Missouri.
P. G. P. *Wallace, John*.....Ansonia, Connecticut.
P. G. P. Washington, John N.....New Berne, N. Carolina.
P. G. Webster, H. L.....Providence, Rhode Island.
P. G. *Whitaker, J. S.*.....Centreton, New Jersey.
P. G. *White, William*.....Kenosha, Wisconsin.
P. G. M. Williams, George C.....Lancaster, N. Hampshire.
P. G. Wolford, Charles.....Louisville, Kentucky.
P. G. M. Woodbridge, F. E.....Vergennes, Vermont.
P. G. M. *Woolsey, Daniel*.....Evansville, Indiana.
P. G. Wright, David H.....Madison, Wisconsin.

D. D. GRAND SIRES FOR THE YEAR 1857.

Vermont—James Mitchell.....Burlington.
Florida—Asa B. Clark.....Tallahassee.
Arkansas—John S. Horner.....Helena.
New Mexico—John B. Grason.....Santa Fe.
Canada East—James Maclaren.....Quebec.

Lower Provinces of B. N. A.—E. G. Fuller. Halifax, N. S.
Sandwich Islands—R. A. S. Wood. . . . . Honolulu.
Nebraska Territory—Charles F. Holly. . . . . Nebraska city.
Washington Territory—C. C. Hewett. . . . . Seattle.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey. . . . . Baltimore, Maryland.
" " Samuel H. Perkins. . . . . Philadelphia, Penn.
" " Zenas B. Glazier. . . . . Wilmington, Delaware.
" " John A. Kennedy. . . . . New York city.
" " Howell Hopkins. . . . . Philadelphia, Penn.
" " Thomas Sherlock. . . . . Cincinnati, Ohio.
" " Horn R. Kneass. . . . . Philadelphia, Penn.
" " William W. Moore. . . . . Washington, D. C.
" " Wilmot G. DeSaussure. . . . . Charleston, S. Carolina.

OFFICERS ELECT OF R. W. G. LODGE UNITED STATES.

D. G. Sire George W. Race, of Louisiana. M. W. Grand Sire.
P. G. M. Tim. G. Senter, of N. Hampshire. R. W. D. Grand Sire.
P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Maryland. R. W. G. Cor. & Rec. Sec.
P. G. Joshua Vansant, of Maryland. . . . . R. W. Grand Treasurer.

G. W. Race

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

Grand Lodge of the United States,

Held in the City of Baltimore, September, 1857.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1857—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the Annual Communication, when, upon a call of the roll, the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS.

WILLIAM ELLISON.....M. W. Grand Sire.
GEORGE W. RACE.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
SOLOMON H. LEWYT.....W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....W. Grand Messenger.

And Representatives from twenty-two Grand Lodges and eleven Grand Encampments, as follows:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. Joshua Vansant,.....Maryland.
P. G. M. Samuel M. Krogman,.....Massachusetts.
P. G. M. Frederic D. Stuart,.....District of Columbia.
P. G. Henry Eckel,.....Delaware.
P. G. Samuel L. Adams,.....Kentucky.
P. G. Daniel Woolsey,.....Indiana.
P. G. M. Isaac M. Veitch,.....Missouri.
P. G. Thomas Shackelford.....Mississippi.
P. G. M. James Phelps,.....Connecticut.
P. G. M. Moses M. Burbank,.....New Hampshire.
P. G. M. Martin Heisey,.....Iowa.
P. G. Sec'ry Wm. H. H. Prall,.....Northern New York.
P. G. Robert B. Boylston,.....South Carolina.
P. G. Mark Prime,.....Maine.
P. G. M. Samuel H. Parker,.....California.
P. G. George W. Adams,.....Georgia.
P. G. Richard A. Caldwell,.....North Carolina.
P. G. M. Samuel Craighead,.....Ohio.
P. G. M. Henry E. Lockett,.....Texas.
P. G. M. John S. Horner,.....Arkansas.
P. G. M. Henry S. Stetson,.....Louisiana.
P. G. M. James E. Starr,.....Illinois.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. G. P. Jason Stockbridge,.....Maryland.
P. G. Charles Moore,.....Pennsylvania
P. G. E. H. Barry,.....Indiana.
P. G. M. Edward H. Fitzhugh,.....Virginia.
P. G. Sec'ry E. P. Hunt,.....Texas.
P. G. P. John Wallace,.....Connecticut.
P. G. P. Edward Mitchell,.....South Carolina.
P. G. Benjamin Conley,.....Georgia.
P. G. M. John W. Pruett,.....Kentucky.
P. C. P. William Garrett,.....Iowa.
P. G. P. N. H. Dearborn,.....Illinois.

A quorum being present—

The Chair, with the sanction of the Grand Lodge, appointed R. W. G. Rep. Samuel L. Adams, of Kentucky, as R. W. Grand Chaplain *p. t.*, and P. G. M. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, as R. W. Grand Marshal *p. t.*

The Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified; whereupon, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. Samuel L. Adams, of Kentucky, R. W. Grand Chaplain *p. t.*

The Chair announced the following Committee on Credentials:

Reps. Adams, of Kentucky, Phelps, of Connecticut, Mitchell, of South Carolina, Krogman, of Massachusetts, and Caldwell, of North Carolina.

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed who shall draw for the seats to be occupied by the respective jurisdictions during the present session, after the manner heretofore adopted and pursued.

The Chair named Reps. Barry, of Indiana, Pruett, of Kentucky, and Stuart, of District of Columbia, as the committee.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved that the Grand Lodge now take a recess for one hour, which was not agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Lockett, of Texas, the Lodge agreed to take a recess for half an hour

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The half hour of recess having expired, the Lodge re-assembled, when—

Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report on the credentials of new members:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report the certificates of the following Representatives in proper form and according to law, and that they are entitled to seats on this floor, viz:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. Charles Wolford	Kentucky.
P. G. M. Milton Herndon	Indiana.
P. G. M. John Pope	Iowa.
P. D. G. M. Valentine C. Peers	Missouri.
P. G. Edward P. Gerrish	Maine.
P. G. M. John W. Hodgson	District of Columbia.
P. G. John C. Terry	Minnesota.
P. G. James B. Kellogg	Wisconsin.
P. G. M. F. E. Woodbridge	Vermont.
P. G. M. Perry A. Armstrong	Illinois.
P. G. E. G. Fuller	L. Provinces B. N. A.
P. G. M. E. Wilcox	Tennessee.
P. G. M. F. M. Foster	Michigan.
P. G. Nathan Porter	Rhode Island.
P. G. M. Wm. Thayer	South Carolina.
P. G. Francis A. Ellis	Maryland.
P. G. Edward Ilsley, (vice W. White, resigned)	Wisconsin.
P. G. Benjamin Verner	Michigan.
P. G. Clayton A. Cowgill*	Delaware.
P. G. D. M. Thomas N. Blake	Louisiana.

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* This brother was not in attendance during the session.

P. G. Wm. J. Hoke.....North Carolina.
P. G. M. L. K. Barber.....Mississippi.
P. G. George Patten.....Georgia.
P. G. M. Caleb Rand.....Massachusetts.
P. G. M. J. H. Robinson.....Virginia.
P. G. M. James G. McAuley,.....Alabama.
P. G. Samuel B. Gorham,.....Connecticut.
P. G. M. Hugh Latham, (vice Wm. H. Cook, resigned,).....Virginia.
P. G. Asa B. Clark,.....Florida.
P. G. M. D. Francis Condie,*.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. John G. Clayton,.....Southern New York.
P. G. M. Joseph Kidder,.....New Hampshire.
P. G. Wm. I. Cornwell,.....Northern New York.
P. G. M. William G. Webb,.....Texas.
P. G. M. Wm. C. Earl,.....Ohio.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. G. P. Prescott Robinson.....California.
P. G. P. Thomas Rich.....District of Columbia.
P. G. P. N. B. Nye*.....Michigan.
P. G. M. Wm. K. Edwards.....Indiana.
P. G. P. J. H. Lawrence.....Mississippi.
P. G. Wm. P. Taylor.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. Daniel Wilkinson.....Rhode Island.
P. G. Sec. Samuel Willard.....Illinois.
P. G. P. John Crickard.....Louisiana.
P. H. P. Samuel H. Bailey.....Missouri.
P. G. P. E. H. Tucker, Jr.....Massachusetts.
P. G. M. E. C. Robinson.....Virginia.
P. G. P. E. D. Farnsworth.....Tennessee.
P. G. M. Dexter Gilmore.....Northern New York.
P. G. S. John A. Kennedy.....Southern New York.
P. G. P. Richard Marley.....Maryland.
P. G. P. Alexander E. Glenn.....Ohio.
P. G. P. Henry F. Askew.....Delaware.
P. G. Stilman S. Davis.....New Hampshire.
P. G. Charles R. Hansford.....Alabama.

SAMUEL L. ADAMS,
JAMES PHELPS,
R. A. CALDWELL,
S. B. KROGMAN,
EDWARD MITCHELL.

On motion of Rep. Askew, of Delaware, the report was adopted.

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, and the members were seated in conformity thereto:

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* These brothers were not in attendance during the session.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee, to whom was referred the drawing of seats to be occupied by the respective State Grand Bodies represented in this Grand Lodge, beg leave to report the following result:

Southern New York.....1, 2, 3
Vermont.....4
Illinois.....5. 6, 7, 8
Oregon.....9
Delaware.....10, 11, 12
Georgia.....13, 14, 15
Iowa.....16, 17, 18
California.....19, 20, 21
Arkansas.....22
Minnesota.....23
New Jersey.....24, 25, 26
Tennessee.....27, 28, 29
Pennsylvania.....30, 31, 32, 33
Florida.....34
North Carolina.....35, 36, 37
Lower Provinces.....38
Maryland.....39, 40, 41, 42
Virginia.....43, 44, 45, 46
Northern New York...47, 48, 49, 50
Wisconsin.....51, 52, 53
Indiana.....54, 55, 56, 57
Mississippi.....58, 59, 60
Maine.....61, 62, 63
South Carolina.....64, 65, 66
Kentucky.....67, 68, 69
Rhode Island.....70, 71
Connecticut.....72, 73, 74
Ohio.....75, 76, 77, 78
Massachusetts.....79, 80, 81
Missouri.....82, 83, 84
New Hampshire.....85, 86, 87
District of Columbia.....88, 89, 90
Texas.....91, 92, 93
Louisiana.....94, 95, 96
Michigan.....97, 98, 99
Alabama.....100, 101, 102
Canada West.....103

E. H. BARRY,
JOHN W. PRUETT,
F. D. STUART.

On motion of Rep. Eckel, of Delaware, the reading of the minutes of the last session was dispensed with, and they were adopted as printed.

Rep. Vansant, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the members of the Order who have attained the proper rank may be admitted within the Lodge during its deliberations, when vouched for, and introduced to the Grand Guardian by the Representatives, respectively, from the State jurisdictions to which the visitors may be attached.

Pursuant to the order of installation of Grand Officers, the Lodge proceeded to that ceremony.

The Grand Sire announced the following form and order of presentation of Grand Officers elect for installation:

The Grand Sire elect will be presented by P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, of Maryland, and P. G. Sire John A. Kennedy, of Southern New York.

The Deputy Grand Sire elect will be presented by P. G. M. Samuel H. Parker, of California, and P. G. R. B. Boylston, of South Carolina.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary elect will be presented by P. G. Sec. E. P. Hunt, of Texas, and P. G. M. J. W. Pruett, of Kentucky.

The Grand Treasurer elect will be presented by P. G. M. S. B. Krogman, of Massachusetts, and P. G. M. Moses M. Burbank, of New Hampshire.

The Chair presented the bond of the Grand Treasurer elect for approval, which was, on motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bond of the Grand Treasurer elect for approval, report that they have examined the same, find it in legal form, and recommend the same be approved.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
B. CONLEY,
J. G. CLAYTON,
S. L. ADAMS.

P. G. M. GEORGE W. RACE, of Louisiana, M. W. Grand Sire elect, being presented by P. G. Sires Thomas Wildey and John A. Kennedy at the foot of the chair, was qualified by the M. W. Grand Sire and seated on the right of the chair.

P. G. M. TIMOTHY G. SENTER, of New Hampshire, Deputy Grand Sire elect, was then presented by P. G. M. Samuel H. Parker, of California, and P. G. Boylston, of South Carolina, qualified, and seated on the right of the chair.

P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY, of Maryland, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary elect, was then presented by P. G. Sec. E. P. Hunt, of Texas, and P. G. M. J. W. Pruett, of Kentucky, qualified, and conducted to his seat.

P. G. JOSHUA VANSANT, of Maryland, Grand Treasurer elect, was then presented by P. G. M. S. B. Krogman, of Massachusetts, and P. G. M. Moses M. Burbank, of New Hampshire, qualified, and seated on the right of the chair.

The Grand Sire elect nominated the following Grand Officers:

P. G. REV. J. D. MCCABE, of Virginia, R. W. Grand Chaplain.
P. G. A. M. FOUTE, of Tennessee, R. W. Grand Marshal.
P. G. SOLOMON H. LEWYT, of Maryland, W. Grand Guardian.
P. G. JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN, of Maryland, W. Grand Messenger.

These officers having been severally confirmed by the Grand Lodge, were qualified and conducted to their respective seats.

The M. W. Grand Sire proclaimed the ceremony of installation closed, and then submitted his final annual report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

REPRESENTATIVES AND BRETHREN: The annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States is, to our Order, an event of no ordinary importance. A band of faithful laborers in the vineyard of Odd-Fellowship, we have again assembled within these hallowed walls to lay upon a common altar our annual tribute of devotion and good will. And although it is forbidden us "to look into the seeds of time and

say which grain will grow and which will not," yet I trust the good seed of Odd-Fellowship which is here distributed, while it strengthens our virtues, will also increase our capacity to love and admire those great principles which are its fruits, and which, if carefully nurtured, will return to us an hundred fold. To that Supreme Ruler of the Universe whose parental care has watched over our institution through the storms and sunshines of the past year, and who has permitted us once more to come together in the bonds of fraternal love, let our devotions be poured forth with thankful hearts, imploring a continuance of his blessings, until sorrow shall have no tear to dry and misfortune no suffering to relieve.

It is again my agreeable duty to inform you, Representatives, as you may learn by the annual returns from the several subordinate jurisdictions and by the reports of the D. D. Grand Sires, that our Order still continues to hold an onward course. From the correspondence of the executive department may be gleaned the agreeable information that the remote extremes of our jurisdiction continue to exhibit a healthy progress and a never-tiring activity. It is in new States and Territories, remote from a dense population, that the blessings and the benefits of an institution like ours are so intimately interwoven with the stability and advancement of the social compact. It is in new fields of enterprise, where the spirit of adventure has carried man far from home and friends, and the easy facilities of frequent social intercommunion, that he finds a necessity for some union with his fellow-man that will lift him above the toils and cares of every-day life, that will permit him to breathe a purer atmosphere than can be found in the turmoil of business or the hot strife of political or polemical discussion. An institution that will bring men together under such circumstances, upon the broad platform of equality, forgetting for a time the distinctions of sect, and party, and creed, must of necessity separate the alloy from the pure gold of our existence, fill us with higher and nobler thoughts of our own duty and destiny, and give us a clearer conception of those ennobling virtues whose primitive simplicity and purity breathe the spirit and the essence of universal love.

It is not in those far off islands of the sea where the standard of Odd-Fellowship waves in triumph, nor by the rivers of Oregon, whose tumbling waters give voice to desolation, nor in the far distant Territorial possessions of the West that we must look for a decline in interest or numerical strength, but in the populous States, where it is an easy matter to be an Odd-Fellow, where social life and social pleasures, in their never-ending variety, the natural concomitants of a crowded population, draw us almost imperceptibly from the quiet retreat of the lodge-room and its healthy influences, until indifference and neglect, like base rust which consumes solid iron, will contract our resources and our means for doing good, and may one day undermine the superstructure itself.

The last advices from the Sandwich Islands impart to us the agreeable intelligence that the work in that distant part of our jurisdiction goes bravely on. D. D. Grand Sire Wood writes me that Excelsior

Lodge, No. 1, located at Honolulu, and Pacific Lodge, No. 2, at Lahaina, are in a highly prosperous condition. A dispensation was granted by him to Excelsior Lodge for permission to celebrate the anniversary of the introduction of Odd-Fellowship into this country, on the 25th of April, by a public procession and oration, closing the festivities with a levee in the evening. The occasion, he writes me, was honored by the presence of the King and Queen, by the government officials, resident consuls, and most of the diplomatic corps. The ceremonies passed of in an agreeable and satisfactory manner. Subsequently, and immediately following this celebration, Excelsior Lodge received into membership one of the chief justices of the Kingdom.

In this connection the D. D. Grand Sire submits the inquiry: "If there is any objection to receiving into the fraternity members of the Polynesian race, whose education and habits of association with foreigners have fitted them to become members of institutions similar to our own." The Digest, page 307, says: "No person can be admitted to membership unless he be a free white male, of good moral character, and be of the age of twenty-one years and upwards." The Digest also says, same page: "Indians are not recognised as being of that class of persons included in the term "free white males."

In the geographical distinction of races, the Polynesian takes rank among the Mongolians, and are descendants of that ancient race. Even the Mongolian, although taking precedence of the Malay in the class of races, under a strict construction of the Digest, could not be admitted as members of our fraternity, although they may be believers in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe. It must be admitted, however, that, in arranging the varieties of races into certain classes or colors, assigning to each a peculiar character, there does exist very remarkable exceptions in each. We sometimes see a descendant of the African tribe with a skin almost as white as the European; Caucasians uniting the Mongolian with prominent peculiarities of the Malay structure. In fact, the typical peculiarities of different races become so changed or modified by imperceptible gradations, that it becomes almost an impossibility to draw the line of distinction and demarcation between them. It must then, of necessity, follow that any arrangement of these varieties of races must be to some extent at least arbitrary. The Polynesian, therefore, or the Mongolian, although descendants from their respective tribes, may have become so changed by the gradations above referred to as to bring them within our rule of admission.

From the Territory of Oregon the intelligence is cheering. G. Rep. Amory Holbrook writes me that the Order is flourishing admirably, having now eight Lodges, all working finely, and animated by the best spirit. Some of the Lodges are conferring the degree of Rebekah. An application has been made and a dispensation granted for an Encampment at Portland, Oregon Territory. Such is the prosperity of the Order in Nebraska that the Lodges in that Territory will probably soon make application for the establishment of a Grand Lodge.

I will not further trespass upon your time with a recital of the con-

dition of the Order in the different State jurisdictions. The information will be given you more in detail by the Grand Secretary, in his annual report, whose direct correspondence with the various Subordinate Grand Bodies enables him to disclose to you the actual condition, whether of advancement or decline, which the Order exhibits throughout its extensive and varied ramifications.

The decreasing correspondence of the executive department of this Grand Lodge can only be accounted for on the hypothesis that our laws and the proceedings of this Right Worthy Grand Body are every year becoming more familiar to the entire brotherhood so that references to the Grand Sire for opinions and decisions are almost unnecessary. The following are the only points presented to me for reply during the recess which I have thought proper to make a record of. It has been inquired of me—

First. Whether it is competent for a Grand Lodge to grant a duplicate or any other kind of a copy of a subordinate charter to a working Lodge, and at the same time permit such Lodge *to retain the original in its possession?*

Second. In granting a charter to take the place of one mutilated, defaced, or destroyed, can the Grand Lodge change or vary the phraseology of the original charter?

Third. In case of the absence or death of any of the original signers of a subordinate charter, is it competent for the *present* officers to write the names of the original signers upon the new copy, and with their own signatures attest the fact of their being a true copy of the original signatures?

My reply to these inquiries was as follows:

To the first, that there is no provision to furnish a subordinate body with two charters, except in case where the original one has become mutilated or destroyed.

Second. That in granting a duplicate charter, the granting power cannot change or vary the phraseology of the original charter.

Third. In granting a duplicate charter to take the place of one mutilated or destroyed, it should be signed by the officers of the body granting such duplicate, with an endorsement stating that the charter was issued in place of one granted at such a time, and which had become mutilated or destroyed.

Second. It has been inquired of me "whether an officer of a Lodge whose regalia is in his chair in the lodge-room cannot enter without any regalia?"

The answer is contained in the charge book. No brother is entitled to enter or leave the lodge-room unless clothed in regalia. If an officer, and his regalia be in his chair in the lodge-room, he must enter in a scarlet regalia, if of that degree, and there exchange it for his official regalia.

Third. A Grand Representative elect of this body inquires "if by withdrawing from his Subordinate Encampment to establish a new Encampment he forfeits his right to a seat in the Grand Lodge of the United States?"

My reply was, that according to a decision of the Grand Lodge of the United States a withdrawal card severs a member's connection with his Lodge, and if he be an officer of his Grand or Subordinate Lodge, such office becomes vacant. But that I did not understand this decision as applying to a Grand Officer elect. A Grand Representative elect is not a Grand Representative until his credentials have been accepted by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Fourth. To an inquiry "whether a Grand Patriarch has the power during the recess of a Grand Encampment to suspend a Subordinate Encampment?" I replied that it is a subject for local law.

Fifth. It has been inquired of me "whether upon the application of a number of brothers for membership by deposit of card, the Lodge has a right to ballot for the whole number collectively, or must each have a separate ballot?"

My reply was that it would be improper, if not contrary to general law and usage, to ballot collectively on a number of applications for membership by deposit of card. Every member of a Lodge has a right to deposit his ballot upon each individual application for membership, and a collective ballot would be an infringement of this right.

Sixth. My official opinion has been requested upon the following inquiries:

First. Can a brother become in arrears so as to disqualify him under the laws of the Lodge from receiving benefits during sickness or disability, if he is beneficial at the commencement of such sickness or disability?

Second. If he cannot, is it competent for a Lodge to withhold the amount of his dues from his weekly benefits in order to keep him in standing?

My reply was as follows: If a brother was in good standing at the commencement of his sickness, and his Lodge should pay him his dues in full, and he should subsequently and during said sickness become in arrears so as to disqualify him by the by-laws of the Lodge from receiving benefits, I should decide that it was the fault of the Lodge in not retaining so much of his benefits as would keep him in good standing during such sickness or disability, and that the brother would not be disqualified from receiving his benefits during such sickness.

Seventh. It has been inquired of me "whether a Subordinate Lodge, under the approval of its Grand Lodge, has not a right, by its by-laws, to provide for the balloting of brothers who apply for reinstatement, after having been suspended for non-payment of dues for an indefinite time."

The answer is furnished by the Journals. The Grand Lodge of the United States has decided, in the Cottrell case, (see Journal, volume 3, page 1504,) that the committee do not perceive any conflict between such a provision and the constitution of this Grand Lodge. The article in the constitution of Pennsylvania upon which the appeal of John Cottrell is founded refers to the suspension of members for a definite period. The Digest, page 308, article twenty-one, says: "A brother

suspended for non-payment of dues loses the benefits of membership, but the body which inflicts the penalty *is competent to reinstate him.*" Page 374, article nine, says: "Indefinite suspension of a member for non-payment of dues may be terminated by a Grand Lodge without the consent of its Subordinate." Page 417, article forty-seven, says: "To require suspended members to apply in due form for readmission, and then subject them to the ordeal of a ballot, *though not incompatible with general law*, is in conflict with established usage and the reciprocal rights of members and Lodges, and the practice should be abolished." (This refers to definite suspensions, as explained in the Digest, page 435, article twenty-two.) It must be conceded, from the authorities and decisions above quoted, that a Subordinate Lodge, under the approval of its Grand Lodge, *does* possess the right, an inherent right to judge of the qualifications of all applicants for admission or reinstatement to membership, except in cases of definite suspensions; and any legislation of this Grand Lodge depriving a Subordinate of this reserved right would be unjust and arbitrary.

Eighth. It has been submitted to me "whether in case of a suspended or expelled Lodge, upon its restoration and revival, the officers who filled the chairs at the time of such suspension or expulsion are restored, with the revival of the Lodge, to their former official positions. The Grand Lodge of the United States, at its session in 1849, has answered this question in the affirmative.

Ninth. It has been inquired of me "whether a member of a Subordinate Lodge, who is also a member of an Encampment, and was in good standing in his Lodge at the time of the suspension of said Lodge, loses his membership in the Encampment." The Digest, page 390, article sixty-six, answers this question in the affirmative. To retain membership in an Encampment it is necessary to be a contributing member of a Subordinate Lodge in good standing.

Since your last communication warrants have been issued for the following Encampments and Lodges: Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, at Bennington, Vermont, dispensation dated March 27, 1857; Ellison Encampment, No. 1, at the city of Portland, Oregon Territory, dispensation dated July 4, 1857; Lodge, No. 1, at Tecumseh, Kansas Territory, dispensation granted March 2, 1857; Lodge, No. 2, at Leavenworth, Kansas, dispensation granted March 9, 1857; Bellevue Lodge, No. 4, at Bellevue, Nebraska Territory, dispensation granted June 29, 1857; Lodge, No. 3, at Wyandotte, Kansas, dispensation granted August 10, 1857. There is also a petition for Lodge, No. 4, at Lawrence, Kansas Territory. A petition was received from London, Canada West, for a dispensation to form and open an Encampment at that place; the prayer of the petitioners was granted, and the Grand Sire accepted an invitation to institute the Encampment, but on the eve of his departure was informed that, in consequence of being unable to complete their arrangements, the institution was postponed for the present. A petition has been received by me from members of Ancilla Encampment, No. 2, located at Monticello, Florida, for its removal to Tallahassee. Ancilla Encampment has made no returns to this Grand

Lodge since June, 1854, and has thereby forfeited its charter. By a law of this Grand Lodge, whenever such remissions occur, it is the duty of the Grand Sire to take proper measures to reclaim the charters of all Lodges and Encampments, working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. The application for this removal is so recent, and the reasons for its non-working so strongly urged, and its promises for future usefulness, if removed, so confident and promising, that I felt justified in postponing action upon the subject, and accordingly wrote them that I would lay the matter before the Grand Lodge of the United States, which body, I trusted, would look favorably upon the adverse circumstances under which Ancilla Encampment has been suffering. From the petitioners for an Encampment at Lahaina, Society Islands, presented at your last session, and which was denied by the Grand Lodge, the petitioners write that they are satisfied that the Grand Sire was correct in his conclusions, that the establishment of an Encampment at that place at the present time would be injudicious, and respectfully ask permission to withdraw their petition.

The financial affairs of this Grand Lodge need your prompt attention and careful consideration. The report of the Grand Treasurer will exhibit to you such of the receipts and expenditures of the past fiscal year as by law pass under his official supervision.

From the full and elaborate report of the R. W. Grand Secretary may be gathered a detailed account of the condition of the Order in its various departments, and also a statement of the financial affairs of this Grand Lodge. It will be perceived that the receipts during the past year have been less than those of the preceding year, and the deficit will be larger. By pursuing the present financial policy of the Grand Lodge this deficit will be constantly augmenting and the time fast approaching when exhausted finances and an embarrassed treasury will not only impair our usefulness as the supreme tribunal of the Order, but may strike a blow at the prosperity and continuance of the institution itself. An abolition of Encampment representation, or a reduction of representation in each department of the Order, or some other means for reducing the expenditures of this Right Worthy Body is absolutely essential. This slow but sure absorption of our financial resources should warn us in time to provide some permanent system that will lead to a more creditable result than embarrassment and bankruptcy. The subject is respectfully and earnestly presented to you, invoking your wisdom and foresight to devise some plan that will point us to a pleasant and profitable future.

Permit me for a brief moment, Representatives, to refer to a resolution offered by Rep. Dwinelle, of California, and adopted by you at your last session, transferring the appointment of the Standing Committees from the Grand Sire, in his absence, to the charge of the actual presiding officer. I believe this resolution to be in accordance with the spirit of the fifth rule of order, adopted for the guidance of the business of this Grand Lodge. This resolution has been construed by many Representatives as rebuking the Grand Sire for attempting to claim a prerogative which the rules of order did not confer upon him

The friendly source from which that resolution emanated forbids me to give it any such interpretation. It was while lying prostrate upon a sick bed that those important committees were made up by me, not in the exercise of any prerogative, but with a view to disembarrass the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, who, it was understood, would be a prominent candidate for the office of Grand Sire, and to relieve him from any supposed promptings of partisanship in those appointments.

Representatives, the constitutional period of my term of office is fast drawing to a close. The official bond that has united us for two years past will, in a few brief moments, be surrendered forever. The cares, the responsibilities, and the honors of this high office you have confided to a new, but not an untried officer. In the unanimity of his election you have not only recognised the devoted Odd-Fellow, but have placed your seal of approbation upon the able, faithful, and acceptable manner in which he discharged the duties of presiding over this Grand Lodge during its last communication. For that important service, which illness prevented me from performing, I claim the privilege, while yet your executive officer, of thus publicly expressing my own gratitude and heartfelt thanks for the prompt and generous manner in which he cheerfully assumed duties not expected of him to perform. Upon his brow may the diadem of Odd-Fellowship shine with a brighter lustre, which upon mine may have lost some of its brilliancy.

Brethren, let us hope that our institution has not yet reached the zenith of its prosperity and renown. In the dim but promising future its culminating point lies viewless and afar. Fidelity to its principles will enable us to look upon society as a vast field for the exercise and development of all the nobler faculties of the soul, peopling this world with beauteous images, golden thoughts giving birth to noble deeds, a refined luxury to charm the imagination and the senses, and an enduring love, without its romance and its poetry. Then will the dark passions of our nature lose their form and reality, and every thing around us will be suggestive of peace and good will.

Oh, in this world of unrest, where fate weaves its wild contrasts and civilization multiplies its varieties, where substantial comforts are bartered for false theories of human happiness, and friendship and love are sold for an inheritance of sin, when the mental powers become paralyzed and dark, it is well for us that there are institutions, philanthropic and religious, containing "that promethean spark that can again man's former light relume." Be it your duty, my brethren, to watch with a vestal care the fair flower of Odd-Fellowship, which in the fullness of time will pass from the germ to a matured and noble fruition. It is in the stillness of night and by the pillow of the suffering one that its vigils are kept and its offices of love are freely administered. A kind word spoken, a single sorrow relieved, when the rude storms of adversity are assailing us, will lay up for us treasures which in that last hour will prove a trophy imperishable and deathless, still living and speaking while the earth and the stars are fading away. To you, Representatives, is confided the great and important work of holding together, of strengthening the superstructure upon which our institu-

tion rests, by enacting wise laws, to be impartially administered, of educating its members in its sublime principles. Devoting your energies to this high and responsible duty, your constituents will recognise your faithful labors by nobly sustaining them, and by distributing the fruits of the seed here sown broadcast throughout the length and the breadth of our jurisdiction.

Faithful sentinels upon the watch-towers of Odd-Fellowship, the Order has entrusted you with its government. You have studied well its principles and can place its moral beauties before the world, shining in unclouded glory. You desire not earthly records to speak your praises—you wish not for the shout of the multitude to cheer you on. Silent and unseen, save by that Omnipresent One who pervades all space, and to whom the secrets of all hearts are known, the triumphs of your principles are hymned by harps that are strung to the glories of that Grand Master of the Universe, whose divine command to us is "To visit the sick, to relieve the distressed, to bury the dead, and to educate the orphan."

I should do violence to my own feelings, Representatives, were I to allow this occasion to pass without returning my sincere thanks for the many honors and favors you have so plentifully bestowed. I lay down the sceptre of office with a heart overflowing with gratitude for your indulgencies to my many shortcomings in the discharge of my official duties. Ten years of my membership in this institution has been passed at the annual sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States. I trust the silver cord may not yet be loosened, nor the golden bowl be broken at the cistern. I look forward with a pleasant anticipation that I may again be with you in your councils at no distant day, to drink anew from that perennial fountain of Friendship and Love, whose waters are ever pure and ever flowing.

Invoking the blessing of the Supreme Ruler of the Universe upon your present deliberations, may your labors not only redound to your own honor and the welfare of our beloved Order, but may they assist in laying the broad foundation of that universal brotherhood, which shall link, in the golden chain of an ever expanding sympathy, heart with heart, man to man, until the vices which defile and the passions and prejudices which separate the children of a common father shall be extirpated from earth, and the abodes of sorrow and suffering be lighted with the benignant beams of Peace and Love.

WM. ELLISON, *Grand Sire.*

The Annual Report of the M. W. Grand Sire having been read, he retired from the chair and conducted thereto—

The M. W. Grand Sire Elect, who addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

REPRESENTATIVES: Having been called by the unanimous vote of this Grand Lodge to fill the chief executive office in the Order, the imposing ceremony of installation having been concluded, and that able and faithful officer (M. W. Grand Sire Wm. Ellison) having surrendered

his trust to the new administration, permit me, at the very threshold, to return you my heartfelt thanks for your great kindness and partiality.

No Odd-Fellow can occupy this chair without deeply feeling the great responsibility that accompanies its honors. To preside over this, "the Senate of Odd-Fellowship," during its sessions, and to guide and direct the Order at large during the recess of this Grand Lodge, is a distinction to which the proudest of earth's potentates might well aspire.

A third of a century has scarcely passed since the birth of American Odd-Fellowship, and now near three hundred thousand men are among its votaries. Let it not be said that its rapid growth was the result of accident, or in consequence of its novelty; for it was solely because of its adaptation to the wants of mankind. Odd-Fellowship teaches in the most beautiful and forcible manner the all-important lesson of *Fraternity*—that all men, of whatever religion or country, are of one family, and are therefore brethren. To the Odd-Fellow there is but one country—the earth; but one nation—the human family. It commands us to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, to bury the dead, and to educate the orphan; and in obedience to these commands nearly one million of dollars have been expended during the past year for these noble purposes. Yet Odd-Fellowship is not a mere beneficial society, having for its single purpose the relief of its members in the struggles incident to human society. It seeks to improve and elevate the character of man—to imbue him with proper conceptions of his capabilities for good—to enlighten his mind and to enlarge the sphere of his affections. It therefore commends itself alike to the high, the low, the rich and the poor, as one of the noblest charities the world ever saw

Look back to the fiery ordeal through which this country has but just passed, and remember that at a time of so great political excitement men of all political complexions, differing in religion and nationality, collected together from every State and Territory of this widely extended and glorious Union—from the Canadas, from the Lower Provinces of British North America, and from the Sandwich Islands—should be so thoroughly imbued with the pure principles of Odd-Fellowship as to agree unanimously in the selection of three of the highest officers in the Grand Lodge of the United States, is something more than the mere elevation of any individual to office, or the honor thereby conferred upon any one jurisdiction. Such a spectacle affords food for reflection and encouragement to the philanthropist and patriot. The latter discovers in it conservatism—a dissemination of that fraternal regard that man should entertain for his brother; which dissipates sectional feeling and fanataeism, and guaranties that in proportion as these sublime principles are embraced by our fellow-citizens, will the present hatred and strife between different sections of country give place to love and concord—and in such fraternity the former sees strength and great ability to relieve the distressed every where.

Brethren: It is not without great distrust in my own abilities that I now lay my hand upon the helm, and assume the command of the good

vessel, Odd-Fellowship. Already the anchor is weighed, the canvass unfurled to the breeze, and we are about to embark upon another two years' voyage across the sea of Selfishness to the port Fraternity. Adverse winds and storms may be encountered; but, with such efficient and trusty assistant officers, and with such an experienced and faithful crew, I trust, by the blessing of Heaven, at the end of our voyage, we may be enabled safely to moor our good craft in the harbor of Brotherly Love.

As there are no parties in Odd-Fellowship advocating different policies or theories of government, there is no necessity for the incoming administration to announce any particular set of principles by which it will be governed. It is sufficient to say, that in the discharge of the various and delicate duties pertaining to this office, I shall endeavor to act without fear or partiality, and with an eye single to the advancement of the pure principles of Odd-Fellowship. Most earnestly do I solicit your forbearance, a continuation of your fraternal regard, and a hearty co-operation with me in the accomplishment of this great and good work.

The Chair announced the following as the Standing Committees:

Committee on the State of the Order.—Reps. Boylston, of South Carolina; Askew, of Delaware; Craighead, of Ohio; Stuart, of District of Columbia; Cassedy, of New Jersey.

Legislative Committee.—Reps. Fitzhugh, of Virginia; Vansant, of Maryland; Parker, of California; Barry, of Indiana; Woodbridge, of Vermont.

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps. Gilmore, of Northern New York; Clark, of Florida; Ilsley, of Wisconsin; Hall, of Alabama; Herndon, of Indiana.

Committee on Finance.—Reps. Veitch, of Missouri; Conley, of Georgia; Crickard, of Louisiana; Clayton, of Southern New York; Woolsey, of Indiana.

Committee on Appeals.—Reps. Kennedy, of Southern New York; Shackelford, of Mississippi; Lockett, of Texas; Thayer, of South Carolina; Adams, of Georgia.

Committee on Constitutions.—Reps. Ellis, of Maryland; E. C. Robinson, of Virginia; Starr, of Illinois; Kellogg, of Wisconsin; Edwards, of Indiana.

Committee on Petitions.—Reps. Moore, of Pennsylvania; Stetson, of Louisiana; Farnsworth, of Tennessee; Bailey, of Missouri; Washburn, of Pennsylvania.

Committee on Returns.—Reps. Prall, of Northern New York; J. H. Robinson, of Virginia; Marley, of Maryland; Garrett, of Iowa; Fuller, of Lower Provinces.

Committee on Printing.—Reps. Eckel, of Delaware; Glenn, of Ohio; Pruett, of Kentucky; Hodgson, of District of Columbia; Horner, of Arkansas.

Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.—Reps. Hunt, of Texas; Bur-

bank, of New Hampshire; Hansford, of Alabama; Heisey, of Iowa; Wolford, of Kentucky.

Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented.—Reps. Prime, of Maine; Krogman, of Massachusetts; Stockbridge, of Maryland; Wallace, of Connecticut; Wilkinson, of Rhode Island.

Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report further that they have a certificate in favor of Warren Heaton, from the Grand Lodge of California, but it appears that that jurisdiction is in debt to this Grand Body the sum of eighty dollars. This claim the Grand Lodge of California contests, but say that they are ready to pay that or any sum that may be due so soon as it is adjudicated. We therefore recommend that the account against the Grand Lodge of California be referred to the Committee on Finance, and that the Representative be admitted to a seat.

We also have a certificate in favor of P. G. M. George W. Cassedy, in due form, from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, but it also appears that this jurisdiction is indebted to this Grand Lodge one hundred dollars. The Grand Secretary made a mistake in rendering the bill of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey to the amount above stated. They paid all they knew to be due, and will pay the amount now due immediately upon their return. Therefore, as this is no fault of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, we recommend that the Representative, P. G. M. Geo. W. Cassedy, be admitted to his seat.

We also have a certificate from the Grand Encampment of New Jersey in favor of P. G. Isaac M. Tucker, but that jurisdiction has failed to adjust her account and we are without any explanation. We therefore recommend that P. G. Isaac M. Tucker be not admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge.

We have also the certificate of P. G. George H. Jones from the Grand Lodge of Oregon, which is in due form and according to law, and he is entitled to his seat.

SAMUEL L. ADAMS,
JAMES PHELPS,
R. A. CALDWELL,
EDWARD MITCHELL.

Rep. Lockett, of Texas, moved the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause twelve hundred copies of the daily Journal to be printed, and to place one copy thereof on the desk of each Representative at the opening of each day's session.

Resolved, That each Representative be entitled to ten copies of the daily Journal, and that each Representative leave with the Grand Messenger a list of the name and post-office address of those to whom he may desire the same to be sent, and that the Grand Messenger at the close of the session forward to each person, according to the name and address so left with him, a copy of the Journal in pamphlet form, prepaid.

Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, moved to strike out all that part of the second resolution which directs the Messenger to perform the duty therein prescribed.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, moved further to amend by striking out of the first resolution the number "twelve hundred," and inserting "one copy for each member."

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina—

Rep. Adams, of Georgia, moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, moved to amend the amendment of Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, as follows, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause seventeen hundred copies of the daily Journal to be printed, and that one copy thereof be placed on the table of each Representative at the opening of each day's session.

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger place daily on the desk of each Representative fifteen copies of the daily Journal, in wrappers, in form for mailing.

On motion of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, the Lodge agreed to reconsider the vote just had adopting the amendment of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia—

When Rep. E. C. Robinson asked and obtained leave to withdraw the same.

The question now being on the amendment of Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Lockett, of Texas, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause seventeen hundred copies of the daily Journal to be printed, and that one copy thereof be placed on the table of each Representative at the opening of each day's session

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger place daily on the desk of each Representative fifteen copies of the daily Journal, in wrappers, in form for mailing.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved to amend these resolutions as follows:

Strike out the word "seventeen" and insert "twelve," also the word "fifteen" and insert "ten."

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, it was agreed to.

And the resolutions, as amended, were adopted.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of the United States are eminently due and are hereby cordially tendered to Past Grand Sire William Ellison, for the able manner in which he has discharged the duties of Grand Sire during the past two years.

Resolved, That P. G. Sire William Ellison be requested to sit for his portrait, to be placed in the Hall of this Grand Lodge, and that the expenses for the same be defrayed by this Grand Body.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted his Annual Report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Corresponding and Recording Secretary begs leave to submit his eighteenth annual report. The duties enjoined upon him to be performed during the recess are comprised within the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of the State of Iowa, in rechartering State Encampment, No. 3, of said Grand Jurisdiction be approved. That the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge are hereby authorized and instructed to return the effects of said Subordinate Encampment, and that a warrant issue for the amount of the funds surrendered to this Grand Lodge in favor of said Subordinate, and the effects and funds be placed in the possession of the R. W. Grand Representative of the Grand Encampment of Iowa, for the use and benefit of said Subordinate.

2. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to present one blank copy of the Grand Lodge Diploma to each Grand Representative who has not previously received one from the Grand Lodge.

3. *Resolved further*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to present one copy of the bound Journal and Digest of the Laws and Proceedings of the Grand Lodge to each Grand Representative who has not previously received one from the Grand Lodge.

4. *Resolved*, That, in testimony of the respect we bear to the memory of P. G. M. George S. Morris, of Pennsylvania, as a well tried and devoted friend, associate, and brother, a copy of the proceedings had in relation to his death be forwarded to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania.

5. *Resolved*, That a copy of the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States had touching the death of P. G. Rep. John A. Gyles, of South Carolina, be transmitted to the family of our deceased brother, and to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of South Carolina.

6. WHEREAS there are in the hands of the Grand Secretary several hundred copies (unbound) of the "Covenant," which are no more valuable to this Grand Lodge than so much waste paper; therefore

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to present one copy thereof to each member of this Grand Lodge who may apply for the same.

7. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is hereby instructed to obtain the names and post office address of the Grand Patriarchs and Grand Scribes of the State and Territorial Grand Encampments, and of the Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of the State and Territorial Grand Lodges, and have a list of the same printed and appended to the proceedings of this session of the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of facilitating the correspondence which is necessarily had between the different State and Territorial Grand Bodies, and to remedy the inconvenience now experienced for want of this information in a tangible and reliable shape.

8. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to carry all old and outstanding debts of individuals into one account, to be called "suspended debts," and to credit said account with such payments as may be hereafter made to it, and he be authorized to compromise all such claims on the best and most equitable terms.

9. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed not to fill any orders for supplies from Lodges or individuals unless the cash accompany such order in bankable par funds in the city of Baltimore.

10 *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be requested to procure a correct portrait of P G. Sire DeSaussure, under the order made at the last session of this body.

11. *Resolved*, That the several Grand Bodies under this jurisdiction be requested to present to the Grand Lodge of the United States, each, a bound copy of their respective journals of proceedings from their organization, for the purpose of preserving the same in the office of the Grand Secretary of this body, for reference and the convenience of the Grand Representatives.

12. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary communicate this resolution to each State Grand Body and respectfully request its compliance herewith.

13. *Resolved*, That the family of our deceased brother, P. G. Sire Robert Griffin, and the Grand Lodge of Georgia, be furnished by the R. W. Grand Secretary with a copy of the proceedings had upon his death and so much of the M. W. Grand Sire's report as refers to the deceased.

14. *Resolved*, That a copy of the proceedings in reference to the late Grand Representative Ninde be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Maryland and to the family of the deceased.

15. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary forward to each Grand Representative a copy of the Revised Journal of the present session as soon as printed.

16 *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, at the opening of every annual communication of this R. W. Grand Lodge, to place in the hands of the Grand Sire a written statement showing the name or names of any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which may be indebted to this Grand Lodge, with the amount of such indebtedness, which statement shall be placed by the Grand Sire in the hands of the Committee on Credentials, immediately upon the appointment of said committee, so that the said committee may be able to make their report in conformity to the eleventh article of the by-laws of this Grand Lodge.

17. Four weeks previous to the holding of any session of this Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, through one daily paper of each of the cities of Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York, to invite proposals for the printing of the Journal of this Body, the printer to furnish the necessary paper, and to stitch and cover the Journal, ready for distribution—the printing to be done according to the style of the Revised Journal, and the matter to be stereotyped and the plates to be delivered to the Grand Secretary, in good order, as the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as a sufficient number of copies are struck off to meet the purposes of the law requiring the distribution of the proceedings, which number the Grand Secretary must state, as near as practicable, in the advertisement. And such proposals for the said work as may be received shall be filed away by the Grand Secretary, with their seals unbroken, until twelve o'clock noon of the first day of the session therein designated, after which time no more proposals shall be received, and such as shall have been received shall be placed in the hands of the Committee on Printing, to be by them opened, examined, and decided upon.

The first, second, and third resolutions have been carried into effect.

The Corresponding Secretary, in obedience to the fourth, fifth, thirteenth, and fourteenth resolutions, caused the Proceedings of the Lodge had upon the subject of the decease of the distinguished brethren referred to, to be suitably engrossed and forwarded as directed; and, in communicating with the relatives of the deceased on the subject, took occasion to reiterate the sentiments of profound grief entertained by the Grand Lodge at the loss which the Order had sustained by their premature death.

Each Grand Representative who has made application for a copy of the "Covenant" has been supplied as directed by the sixth resolution.

The seventh resolution has been obeyed, and the names and post-office address of the Grand Officers of the State Jurisdictions, in so far as they could be obtained, will be found at page 2691, Journal of last session.

In obedience to the eighth resolution the account therein directed has been opened, and a strict adherence has been had to the ninth resolution, as far as the same has been practicable.

The undersigned regrets to say that, although, in conjunction with the Grand Treasurer, an effort was made to procure a correct portrait of P. G. Sire Wilmot G. DeSaussure, under the order of the last session to that effect, thus far this effort has not been successful. It is in contemplation to renew the effort.

As directed by the eleventh and twelfth resolutions, soon after the close of the last session the Corresponding Secretary issued a circular letter to the several Grand Bodies under this jurisdiction, accompanied by a copy of the proceedings had thereon, making a respectful request that the resolutions be complied with. I have great satisfaction in reporting that the following jurisdictions have promptly responded, and have deposited in the office of the Corresponding Secretary the number of volumes subjoined, viz:

Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland, 6 volumes, from 1821 to 1856.
" " " District of Columbia, 1 volume, from 1847 to 1857.
" " " State of Alabama, 1 volume, from 1841 to 1856.
" " " " Michigan, 1 volume, from 1846 to 1850.
" " " " Georgia, 1 volume, from 1848 to 1857.
" " " " Louisiana, 1 vol. in manuscript, from 1832 to 1846; 1 volume bound, from 1846 to 1855; 1 pamphlet, from 1856 to 1857
" " " " Arkansas, 1 volume, from 1851 to 1856.
" " " " Indiana, from 1846 to 1854.
" " " " South Carolina, 3 volumes, to January, 1857.
" " " " Massachusetts, 2 volumes, from 1823 to 1852; pamphlet copy, to 1857.
" " " " Texas, from 1850 to 1857.
Grand Encampment " Maryland, 1 volume, from 1831 to 1856.
" " " " Ohio, 1 volume, from 1837 to 1857.
" " " " Missouri, 1 volume, from 1848 to 1856.

On hand of former presentations to the Grand Lodge:

Grand Lodge of Connecticut, 1 volume, from 1840 to 1850; pamphlet copy, from 1851 to 1855
" " " Georgia, 1 volume, from 1843 to 1848.
" " " Pennsylvania, 1 volume, from 1823 to 1847.
" " " Missouri, 1 volume, from 1833 to 1854.
" " " Massachusetts, 1 volume, from 1823 to 1846.
" " " North Carolina, 1 volume, from 1843 to 1851.
" " " South Carolina, 1 volume, from 1841 to 1847.
Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, 1 volume, from 1829 to 1846.
" " " " New York, 1 volume, 1839 to 1848.

There are in addition to the above a number of pamphlet copies of the Proceedings of the several State Grand Bodies, which have been received from time to time, on hand in the Corresponding Secretary's office, which, if arranged and bound, would further perfect the collection of State Proceedings designed by the resolution. It is respectfully suggested, if it be deemed worthy to obtain full copies of the Journals of the State Jurisdictions, that the Corresponding Secretary be directed

to continue the effort already made, by further correspondence for that object, and that he be authorized to arrange and have bound the pamphlet copies on hand, which, together with those already received and hereafter to be received, shall be preserved in a suitable case for the use of the Representatives.

The fifteenth and sixteenth resolutions have been complied with. The duty enjoined by the by-law in relation to the printing of the Grand Lodge has been performed, and the proposals received are herewith submitted under seal.

The annual returns of the State Grand Lodges have, I am gratified to say, been generally received in time for this report; but the non-receipt of several of these returns renders it impossible at this time to present an accurate table of the progress of the Order during the past year.

I respectfully submit the following general summary of the state of the Order in the several State Jurisdictions, derived for the most part from the annual returns and official correspondence of this office.

British North America.—The report of the Grand Lodge of Canada West has been received, together with the annual address of the present very zealous and efficient Grand Master of that jurisdiction, brother T. Reynolds, of Brockville. These papers represent the Order to be in a highly prosperous condition. Three new Lodges have been organized during the past year, making the aggregate number at work at this time fifteen, with a membership of nearly eight hundred.

I regret to report that the Order has gone down in Canada East, notwithstanding the manly exertions of a few devoted members to sustain it. The only Lodge in that jurisdiction, which survived after the demise of the former Grand Lodge of British North America, viz: Albion, No. 4, located at Quebec, was dissolved during the past year by a vote of the membership.

In connection with this subject, I sincerely regret to announce the death of brother P. G. James MacLaren, the late D. D. Grand Sire for this jurisdiction, under the most painful circumstances. He was a passenger on board the ill-fated steamboat Montreal at the time of the terrible disaster which hurried him and many others into eternity. By this heart-rending catastrophe the Order has lost one of its brightest ornaments and most faithful votaries. Brother MacLaren was the master spirit of the Order in Canada East, and by his great exertions sustained Odd-Fellowship for many years in that community. It is respectfully suggested that suitable proceedings be had in relation to the death of this distinguished officer of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to testify the respect and affection which the Lodge entertains for the character and services of a brother who for so many years dedicated his best energies to the cause of Odd-Fellowship.

I have great pleasure in reporting that the condition of the Order in the Lower Provinces of British North America is progressive and improving. The report of the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction represents that three Lodges are in successful work, and the Encampment

branch is well sustained. The efficient D. D. Grand Sire of this jurisdiction, brother E. G. Fuller, advises me, under date of the 26th ultimo, "that Eastern Star and Hamilton Lodges work admirably, and the oldest Lodge, Acadia, No. 1, is stanch, and of her there need be no fear."

Michigan.—The report of the Grand Lodge of the State is received, and the Grand Secretary, Bro. Vernon, represents the condition of the Order to be as healthy as for several years past.

Vermont.—Odd-Fellowship maintains itself in the Grand Lodge jurisdiction in this State. A new Encampment, Excelsior, No. 4, has been formed during the year.

Maine.—The very efficient Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, brother Benjamin Kingsbury, advises me, under date of the 2d instant, "that although a considerable number of Lodges have died out within a few years in Maine, yet there remains thirty, all of which are sound, and have invested funds of $32,000. Upon the whole," he continues, "the Order has outgrown its youth and inexperience, and, having lopped off a large number of dead branches, is now a permanent institution."

Massachusetts.—The state of the Order in this jurisdiction is prosperous.

New Hampshire.—The annual report from this State shows a slight decrease in membership, but exhibits a healthy condition.

Rhode Island.—There is a decrease of Lodges and membership in this State since the last annual report; the address of the Grand Master and Grand Secretary made to the Grand Lodge of the State shows the Order to be in a sound condition.

Connecticut.—The annual report from this State indicates a decrease of membership and Lodges.

Southern New York.—The annual report of this jurisdiction is received. The efficient Grand Secretary, brother John J. Davies, advises me, under date of the 17th instant, "that there is a revival of interest among some of the city Lodges, and that they strive to sustain the Order, and hope for the future."

Northern New York.—I am not as yet in possession of the annual report of this Grand Lodge.

New Jersey.—Odd-Fellowship in New Jersey is prosperous—one hundred and seven Lodges are at successful work in this jurisdiction. R. W. G. Rep. George W. Cassedy, of this State, advises me, under date of the 11th instant, as follows: "During the past year Odd-Fellowship in New Jersey has shown stronger indications of returning prosperity than for several years last past. Both branches of the Order are wonderfully reviving, and they are at the present time in a more healthy and sounder condition than they have been at any time within the last five years. Lodges and Encampments, which until very recently were nearly extinct, have taken a new start, and are now doing well."

Pennsylvania.—The Order continues to prosper in this great jurisdiction—comprising five hundred and seventeen Lodges and about

forty-seven thousand members, ninety-one Encampments and five thousand five hundred and forty-two Patriarchs.

Delaware.—Odd-Fellowship is in a highly gratifying condition in this jurisdiction.

Maryland.—Eighty-five Lodges, with over thirteen thousand members and eleven Encampments, with fifteen hundred Patriarchs, number the array of Odd-Fellows in this ancient jurisdiction.

District of Columbia.—The Order maintains a healthy "*statu quo*" in this jurisdiction.

Virginia.—From the annual message of Grand Master Trout, of this State, it does not appear that the Order has advanced during the past year. The stationary condition of Odd-Fellowship is attributed to local causes, which he believes will be overcome.

North Carolina.—This jurisdiction reports forty-three Lodges in healthful working condition, with fourteen hundred members.

South Carolina.—The annual report of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina shows a prosperous condition. Twenty-five Lodges are at work, with nearly two thousand membership.

Georgia.—The number of Lodges reported is less than last year, although the aggregate membership is larger.

Florida.—No advices have been received from this jurisdiction during the year.

Mississippi.—It affords me always great pleasure to commend the efficient Grand Secretary, brother Dicks, of this jurisdiction, for his interesting correspondence with this office, and proper and accurate annual reports. This officer informs me, under date of the 13th ultimo, "that upon the whole they have just about held their own in Mississippi; that there is no reason for discouragement." The jurisdiction has done well to hold its own amid the general apathy which has prevailed in many of the State jurisdictions. He looks forward for an early return of such seasons as were heretofore enjoyed in the history of Odd-Fellowship.

Alabama.—The Grand Master of this State, in his annual report, remarks that "while in some sections of the State the Order has not flourished and prospered so well as could be desired, yet there are other sections in which it has come up fully to the anticipations of its most zealous friends."

Louisiana.—The annual report of this Grand Lodge has been received, which shows a healthful condition of the Order.

Missouri.—The ever prompt and able Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, brother Isaac M. Veitch, writes under date of the 19th instant, "that having waited for a few delinquent Lodges in vain, he now sends his annual report without returns from several Lodges, showing five Lodges more than the last year's report, and an accession of six hundred members." The Order is every where prosperous in Missouri.

Illinois.—In this jurisdiction the march of Odd-Fellowship has kept comparative pace with the mighty growth of the State in general prosperity. The Order now numbers two hundred and thirty-one Lodges,

and over eleven thousand contributing members. The Patriarchal branch is equally prosperous, comprehending forty Encampments, with a membership of over one thousand, thus entitling the Grand Encampment of the State to two Grand Representatives. The increase during the past year in Lodges is twenty-one, in members over two thousand; in Encampments ten, and in Patriarchs over four hundred.

Indiana.—Grand Secretary Wright writes, under date of the 29th ultimo, that "the Order is healthy in Indiana, although some few Lodges have ceased to have an existence. We may possibly have fallen into the too common error of causing Lodges to be instituted in small villages where they could not be sustained; no doubt to some extent we have; hence a few of our numbers are vacant. The great portion of the Lodges are in an exceedingly healthy state, and bid fair to do a great and useful work."

Ohio.—The able Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, brother Alex. E. Glenn, writes under date of the 25th of August, of the condition of the Order in Ohio, as follows: "It affords me great gratification to be able to report a continued steady and healthy progress of our beloved Order in this jurisdiction. We have great peace and harmony throughout our borders, and the increase of our Lodges and membership is all that could be desired. Our report does not show the actual membership, as we have several very flourishing new Lodges that do not report."

Kentucky.—In Kentucky the Order continues to advance steadily, if slowly; the annual report exhibits a highly prosperous condition. There has been an increase of Lodges, but a slight decrease of membership during the year.

Tennessee.—Grand Secretary Barry, of Tennessee, writes that "all is moving harmoniously in Tennessee, and so far as his knowledge extends the Order is increasing." The number of Lodges reported at the April session of the Grand Lodge was over one hundred, most of them in a flourishing condition.

Arkansas.—The annual report of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas is at hand, from which it appears that there are fourteen Lodges, with an aggregate of five hundred members. The M. W. Grand Master, Bro. Danley, remarks, in his annual message, "that the increase of the Order has been regular, and that the last meeting of the Grand Lodge was the largest ever convened in the State." The report of D. D. Grand Sire J. S. Horner represents the Patriarchal branch to be comparatively prosperous.

Wisconsin.—I have no advice from this State since the last report.

Iowa.—In this State the Order is in a highly flourishing condition. There is now at work one hundred and six Subordinate Lodges, with over four thousand five hundred members, being an increase since last report of fourteen Lodges, and over seven hundred members.

Texas.—From the interesting and able correspondence of E. P. Hunt, Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, I glean the fact that the Order is highly prosperous in Texas.

California.—In the absence of the report of the Grand Lodge of California at the time of closing this report, I can only say that the large demand for supplies during the year from that State indicates a high degree of prosperity in the Order.

Minnesota.—There has been an increase of membership in this jurisdiction of over three hundred during the past year. A letter from this jurisdiction states "that Odd-Fellowship has advanced more the last year than in all its preceding history in the State." Advices from D. D. Grand Sire John C. Terry also confirm this gratifying intelligence, and represent Minnesota Camp to be in a healthful condition.

Oregon.—I have no advice from the Grand Lodge of Oregon. Bro. G. Rep. Holbrook, of Oregon city, writes under date of 20th June, 1857, "that the Order is increasing in a healthy manner, and that he hopes and believes that its work and prosperity will soon prove them worthy of the great brotherhood of which they are members." An Encampment has been authorized for this jurisdiction during the year.

Sandwich Islands.—Reports from this jurisdiction are not as yet received.

New Mexico.—The appointment of John B. Grayson as D. D. Grand Sire for this jurisdiction appears to have given great satisfaction to the Lodges, of which I am officially advised by letters from Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, and from Paradise Lodge, No. 2, under date of 31st of December, 1856. I beg also to say, in this connection, that from the prompt and regular correspondence of D. D. Grand Sire Grayson, of New Mexico, I take great pleasure in adding my testimony to the usefulness and zeal of this worthy officer in this field of labor. Brother Grayson writes that the two Lodges of this jurisdiction are in a flourishing condition, and that the increased number of initiations are a sure index to the increasing prosperity of the Order in that Territory.

Nebraska.—The Order is highly prosperous in this Territory. Advices from D. D. Grand Sire Charles F. Holly, as late as August 10th, represent the prospects of Odd-Fellowship as bright in that distant country. There are now four Lodges in Nebraska.

Washington Territory.—D. D. Grand Sire C. C. Hewett, of this jurisdiction, has transmitted his report, from which it appears that Olympia Lodge, No. 1, the only Lodge in the Territory, is in a healthful condition.

Kansas.—Four Lodges have been instituted in Kansas during the year, all of which have commenced their career under the most flattering auspices.

Warrants have been issued during the year as follows:

FOR SUBORDINATE LODGES.

Shawnee, No. 1, Tecumseh, Kansas.
Leavenworth, No. 2, Leavenworth, Kansas.
Wyandotte, No. 3, Wyandotte, Kansas.
———, No. 4, Lawrence, Kansas.
Bellevue, No. 4, Bellevue, Nebraska.

FOR SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

Ellison, No. 1, Portland, Oregon.
———, No. 1, London, Canada West.
Excelsior, No. 4, Bennington, Vermont.

These applications, together with the returns, are herewith presented.

The following statement, made in conformity with the order "to arrange the same in parallel columns," represents the amounts for each specific purpose received from each Grand Jurisdiction and Subordinate Lodge and Encampment under this Grand Body during the past fiscal year. The several amounts received have been paid into the Treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report. The usual supplementary table will be submitted at an early day during the session, showing the further receipts of this office from the termination of the fiscal year up to the first day of the session, inclusive.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing September* 18, 1856, *and ending September* 1, 1857.

GRAND LODGES.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Diplomas.	Miscellaneous.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Maryland	.....	$200 00	$79 74	$11 25	$3 75	.....	$100 00	$394 74
Massachusetts	.....	75 00	7 08	.....	.....	.....	100 00	182 08
S. New York	.....	80 00	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	120 00
Pennsylvania	.....	500 00	300 00	37 50	.....	.....	.....	837 50
D. of Columbia	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	125 00
Delaware	.....	40 00	28 50	.....	1 25	.....	100 00	169 75
Ohio	.....	850 00	415 30	45 00	.....	33	100 00	1410 63
Louisiana	.....	80 00	38 32	13 13	.....	.....	100 00	231 45
New Jersey	.....	100 00	95 00	.....	.....	.....	100 00	295 00
Kentucky	.....	.....	90 00	18 75	.....	.....	100 00	208 75
Virginia	.....	170 00	69 25	7 50	.....	.....	100 00	346 75
Indiana	.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00
Mississippi	.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	200 00
Missouri	.....	93 00	50 00	2 00	15 00	5 00	100 00	265 00
Illinois	.....	750 00	716 87	43 13	.....	.....	100 00	1610 00
Alabama	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	120 00
Connecticut	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00
Texas	.....	50 00	273 00	.....	25 00	.....	100 00	448 00
S. Carolina	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	120 00
Tennessee	.....	20 00	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	22 50
N. Carolina	.....	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	160 00
Georgia	.....	40 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	60 00
Maine	.....	9 80	10 87	.....	.....	33	.....	21 00
Rhode Island	46 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	96 00
N. Hampshire	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	100 00
Michigan	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	100 00
Wisconsin	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vermont	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Iowa	.....	380 00	301 08	11 25	31 25	.....	100 00	823 58
Arkansas	.....	50 00	9 74	.....	.....	.....	.....	59 74
N. New York	.....	.....	84 24	.....	6 00	.....	.....	90 24
Florida	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
California	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Minnesota	104 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	154 50
L. Provinces	50 00	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	108 00
Canada West	20 00	30 00	50 00	.....	.....	.....	50 00	150 00
Oregon Ter'ry	80 00	40 00	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	180 00
	$300 50	3940 80	2741 49	189 51	$82 25	$5 66	2100 00	$9360 21

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing September* 18, 1856, *and ending September* 1, 1857.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Diplomas.	Miscellaneous.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Maryland		$20 00	$3 83				$100 00	$123 83
Pennsylvania			17 50					17 50
S. New York								
Ohio		120 00	127 91		8 75		100 00	356 66
New Jersey								
Virginia								
South Carolina								
Massachusetts		15 00	2 08				50 00	67 08
Kentucky							50 00	50 00
Maine								
N. Hampshire							50 00	50 00
Mississippi								
Dis. of Columbia								
Tennessee								
N. Carolina								
Georgia								
Louisiana							50 00	50 00
Alabama							50 00	50 00
Indiana								
Michigan	100 00						50 00	150 00
Rhode Island					12 50		50 00	62 50
Delaware							50 00	50 00
Connecticut								
N. New York	100 00							100 00
Illinois			167 50			12 50	100 00	280 00
Missouri		41 20	102 50		18 70		50 00	212 40
Iowa		20 00	45 00				50 00	115 00
Texas								
Wisconsin								
California								
	$200 00	$216 20	$466 32		$39 95	$12 50	$800 00	$1734 97

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing September* 18, 1856, *and ending September* 1, 1857

	Balance.	Books.	Diplomas.	Charters.	Dues.	Cards.	Odes.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Thomas W. Jamison, of Maryland		$1 00							$ 1 00
E. Mitchell, of South Carolina			$12 00						12 00
Henry Eckel, of Delaware		1 00							1 00
E. W. Mitchell, of Iowa		2 50							2 50
Adams & Co.'s Express		2 08							2 08
C. D. Cole, of Massachusetts		4 16							4 16
Mechanics' Lodge of New Jersey		8 33							8 33
Ohio Lodge, of Ohio		8 33							8 33
Mamberton Encampment, L. Provinces					9 00				9 00
Calvin Dart, of Vermont		1 75							1 75
Ascutney Encampment, of Vermont	10 00								10 00
Green Mountain Encampment, of Vt	10 00								10 00
C. B. Stickney, of Ohio		1 75							1 75
J. C. Lyford, of New Hampshire		2 08							2 08
G. U. Porter, of Maryland		2 08							2 08
Ira H. Bird, of Ohio		1 75							1 75
S. W. Jeter, of Virginia		1 75							1 75
—— Lodge, No. 3, Kansas Territory				30 00					30 00
S. Thompson, of Ohio		10 08							10 08
Valley Lodge, of Ohio		10 08							10 08
T. J. McLain, of Ohio								35 00	35 00
A. T. Burr, of Virginia		22 75							22 75
Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, Nebraska Ter'ry	29 52				32 67				62 19
Omaha Lodge, No. 2, Nebraska Ter'ry		4 25			32 70	8 00	1 38	1 37	47 70
Frontier Lodge, No. 3, Nebraska Ter'ry	1 96				78 68				80 64
Fort Smith Encampment, of Arkansas					5 12				5 12
Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, of N. Mexico					47 42				47 42
A. E. Glenn, of Ohio		74 12	115 00					5 96	195 08

Minnesota Encampment, No. 1,					25 09				25 09
D. D. G. Sire Holly, of Nebraska Ter'ry.						22 10			22 10
Samuel Snider, of Illinois		1 75							1 75
S. Seigfried, Jr., of Virginia		10 08							10 08
Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, of Verm't.		1 75		30 00		3 00		37	35 12
Thomas W. Badger, of Connecticut		1 75							1 75
Mount Pisgah Lodge, No. 24, of Maryland.		1 75							1 75
Leni Lenape Lodge, of New Jersey		10 08							10 08
J. J. T. Wilson, of Alabama		1 75							1 75
Hebron Lodge, of Missouri		8 33							8 33
Milton McClelland, of Pennsylvania		1 75							1 75
Bellevue Lodge, No. 4, Nebraska Ter'ry.				30 00					30 00
Sincerity Lodge, of Ohio		1 75							1 75
E. A. Gibbs, of Maryland		21 50							21 50
P. S. Jacobs, of South Carolina		3 50							3 50
Harmony Lodge, of Iowa		1 75							1 75
N. B. Mountfort, of New York		16 66							16 66
Gore Lodge, of Canada West		1 75							1 75
James M. Hutchins, of Iowa		10 50							10 50
Shawnee Lodge, No. 1, of Kansas Ter'ry.				30 00					30 00
Olympia Lodge, No. 1, of Washington T.					31 81	7 20	50	7 49	47 00
—— Lodge, No. 2, of Kansas Territory				30 00					30 00
Virginia Lodge, No. 1, of Virginia		8 33							8 33
Paradise Lodge, No. 2, of New Mexico					64 43				64 43
E. W. Mitchell, of Iowa		8 33							8 33
L. Barry, of Ohio		1 75							1 75
J. A. Ritter, of Maryland		1 75							1 75
David Overdier, of Ohio		3 83							3 83
J. W. Strader, of Iowa		2 08							2 08
Lawrence Lodge, No. 4, of Kansas Ter'ry.				30 00					30 00
James K. Adams, of Alabama		1 75							1 75
	$51 48	$284 06	$127 00	$180 00	$326 92	$10 30	$1 88	$50 19	$1,061 83

The Revenue for the current year up to and exclusive of the first day of September, 1857, amounts to.....$12,157 01

This sum will be increased by the further receipts to be exhibited by a supplementary report, up to the close of the session, now estimated at..... 4,500 00

Making an aggregate of.....$16,657 01

as the probable entire revenue of the year 1856-7.

The Committee on Finance of the last session estimated the revenue of the present year, at the then existing rate of charges, at...$14,300

and the expenditures for the same period at..... 18,475

leaving a deficit of.....$4,175

To meet this estimated deficit a temporary loan was authorized, which was effected by the Grand Treasurer, and has been duly discharged out of the accruing receipts of the year.

In order, however, to supply the means of avoiding a deficit in the future, and fully to meet the expenditures of the Grand Lodge, it was resolved at the last session to increase the price of cards to twenty cents each, and the price of all other supplies at the rate of twenty-five per cent. over former charges. This provision, it was confidently believed, would meet the exigency, and place the finances of the Grand Lodge upon a satisfactory basis. The experience of the year, the undersigned regrets to report, has not verified the expectation. The whole gain at the new rates, it will be perceived, over former prices is but $3,921.64, which is mainly attributable to the falling off in the demand for cards.

The following table will show the actual sale of supplies during the year, the amount which such sales would have produced at the former rates, and the amount produced at the increased rates:

	Old rates.	New rates.	Increase.
Cards.....	$2,938 60	$5,592 20	$2,653 60
Books.....	3,515 97	4,687 95	1,171 98
Diplomas.....	273 00	311 75	38 75
Odes.....	171 93	229 24	57 31
	$6,899 50	$10,821 14	$3,921 64

The ratio of increase upon the actual sales made, however, shows the fact that had the demand for cards corresponded with the demand for other supplies during the year, the estimate of the committee of an increase of four thousand dollars from such sales would have been approximately realized. The receipts for the sale of all other supplies than cards have generally met the estimates of the committee.

On the other hand, the actual expenses of the Grand Lodge have not absorbed the amount appropriated by nearly one thousand dollars, owing principally to the absence of members at the last session, and

the excess of the appropriation for printing over the amount required for that object.

Upon the whole the finances of the Grand Lodge will be found at this session in but little if any better condition than at the close of the last session. The deficit then charged upon the receipts of the current year has not been absorbed by the ways and means provided. This deficit must at once be met and discharged, and the finances of the Lodges be placed upon a solid and reliable footing.

The stock account and statement of supplies sold in detail during the year, showing the cost and nett profit, together with the receipts after the close of the report, will form the subject of a supplementary statement, to be made at an early moment during the session.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Grand Secretary.*

Office Corresponding and Recording Secretary.
BALTIMORE, *September* 1, 1857.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer asked and obtained leave to withhold his annual report for a day or two, to enable him to avoid the necessity of making a supplementary report.

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved, That the report of the M. W. Grand Sire and of the R. W. Grand Secretary be referred to a select committee of three, for the purpose of apportioning the several subjects in said reports to appropriate committees.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That two thousand copies of the reports of the Grand Officers be printed for the use of the Grand Representatives.

Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger be instructed to buy five thousand one cent postage stamps, so that the members may purchase them of him.

Rep. Herndon, of Indiana, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the time of the sessions of this Grand Body will be to meet daily at nine o'clock A. M., take a recess for thirty minutes at twelve o'clock M., and adjourn at three-and-a-half o'clock P. M.

Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, moved to amend the resolution as follows:

"Meet at nine o'clock and adjourn at one P. M.; and meet at three o'clock P. M. and adjourn at our pleasure."

Rep. Vansant, of Maryland, moved the previous question, which being seconded, the main question was put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of the Representative of Kentucky?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Herndon, of Indiana, it was adopted.

Rep. Parker, of California, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge proposed at the last session by Rep. Dwinelle, of California, on page 2662 of the Journal; the proposition of Rep. Parker, of California, on page 2663; the proposition of Rep. Starr, on page 2663; the proposition of Rep. Hyneman of California, for the repeal of law, on page 2626, and the memorial and action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of California in relation to suspended members, be referred to a special committee of five to report such action thereon as the wants of the Order may require.

Rep. Vansant, of Maryland, presented the following resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, when, on his motion, the first resolution was referred to the Legislative Committee, and the second to the Committee on the State of the Order:

"*Resolved*, That members of Subordinate Lodges suspended indefinitely for non-payment of dues should not be permitted to reinstate themselves by their own act only, but Lodges should be allowed to exercise a discretion as to their reinstatement under such regulations as their State jurisdiction may impose."

And whereas said resolution was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, whose report was apparently adverse thereto, and which report was adopted by the Grand Lodge; and whereas said resolution is in accordance with the constitution and laws and the uniform practice of Maryland jurisdiction, and, further, that the continuance of those laws and this practice is of the highest importance to the Order in Maryland; and whereas this decision of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was not made with reference to any law or constitutional enactment of the G. L. U. S., but is predicated upon what is assumed to be the spirit or usage of the Order; and whereas numerous decisions have been made upon the subject by the aforesaid Grand Lodge, some affirming and others ignoring the doctrines embraced in the resolution of Grand Rep. Hills: and although the decision of 1856 was the last one, it does not follow that all others inconsistent therewith are therefore annulled, inasmuch as it contained no declaration repealing adverse decisions. Entertaining these opinions as to the effect of conflicting opinions emanating from the highest tribunal in Odd-Fellowship, and believing that the practice of Maryland is essential to the best interests of Odd-Fellowship in that jurisdiction, and being desirous to render a ready and cheerful subordination to the edicts of a superior body, the Grand Lodge of Maryland hesitates as to the course it shall adopt in the premises in reference to the subject matter. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Representatives from the jurisdiction of Maryland in the Grand Lodge of the United States be and they are hereby instructed to present the subject indicated in the foregoing preamble to the consideration of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, in such manner and form as to them may be deemed advisable, and to the end that Maryland may be permitted within her own limits to preserve the laws and the practice which have grown up with the Order, which have received the sanction of many years of experience, and the results of which have been marked by the prosperity and honor of Odd-Fellowship within her domain.

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States be and they are hereby instructed to propound to said Grand Lodge the following query, to wit:

"Has a Grand Master power to act under a resolution conferring authority at a time when the Grand Lodge is entertaining a resolution to reconsider the same, he being aware of that fact?"

On motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, it was ordered that the State Jurisdictions be called in order for the presentation of business.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, presented the appeal of Gratitude Lodge from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland; also, the appeal of Patuxent Lodge from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland—which were referred to the Committee on Appeals. Also, the appeal of sundry Past Grands of the Grand Lodge of Maryland from a decision of that body, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Rand, of Massachusetts, presented the memorial of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts upon the subject of public installations, which was referred to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. Craighead, of Ohio, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions:

Resolved, That our Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be furnished with copies of the resolutions proposing to strike out section 3d of article 10th of the Constitution of Louisiana Subordinate Lodges and the substitute proposed to be inserted in lieu therefor, and they be requested to ascertain from the Grand Lodge of the United States if said substitute can be legally adopted by this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That section 3d of article 10th of the Constitution of Subordinate Lodges be stricken out and the following substituted therefor, viz:

SECTION 3. The Lodge may provide in its By-Laws for the payment of such benefits to members as in its judgment may seem proper.

Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, submitted the following inquiries, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

1st. Can a Grand Master or Grand Lodge grant a dispensation to a Subordinate Lodge to dispense with its regular meetings, and, if so, are the Junior Past Grands of such Lodge entitled to receive the past official degrees.

2d. Is it absolutely necessary that Subordinate Lodges must hold twenty-six regular weekly meetings, (which constitute a term) to qualify their officers elect for instalment into offices and their Junior Past Grands for admission into the Grand Lodge? If so, what effect does the dispensation of a Grand Master have, which authorizes a Subordinate Lodge to dispense with one or more of its regular weekly meetings for a temporary purpose?

3d. Is there any law by which Subordinate Lodges, under any circumstances, (except a new Lodge) can shorten the term by meeting a less number of nights than this law requires, say twenty-six?

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be and is hereby instructed to prepare a law (such as proposed in the resolution submitted at the session of this Grand Lodge in September, 1855, by Rep. Ellis) providing facilities for the obtaining by Subordinate Lodges and Encampments of the testimony of non-resident or absent witnesses.

Also, the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee are hereby instructed to report a plan for the readmission into the Order of members who have simply resigned from it without taking cards of withdrawal.

Also, the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be instructed to report upon the expediency of establishing official honors in the Patriarchal branch of the Order.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, presented a petition for a Subordinate Lodge in Kansas, accompanied by the charter fee, ($30,) which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Starr, of Illinois, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Dearborn, of Illinois, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Illinois, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. McAuley, of Alabama, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Lockett, of Texas, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Texas, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to use their influence in obtaining the passage of a law providing for the reconsideration of a ballot for a rejected candidate for membership when all the brothers depositing the black balls make such application, and a unanimous vote of the Lodge concurring therein.

Rep. Webb, of Texas, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the privileges of the degree of Rebekah be extended to the widows, daughters, and sisters of brothers having this degree.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, presented the appeal of P. G. M. Wood, of South Carolina, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, presented the appeal of A. J. Russell, of South Carolina, from a decision of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Also, the appeal of P. G. George Strong, of South Carolina, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Wilcox, of Tennessee, offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee be referred to the Legislative Committee, and if, in the opinion of said committee, the proposed legislation be expedient, that they be instructed to report a resolution giving to State Grand Lodges the powers prayed for:

"WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of the United States, upon the 8th day September, 1854, at the city of Baltimore, adopted a Constitution for her own government, reserving to herself the right to legislate upon the *Unwritten Work of*

our Order;' to fix and determine the customs and usages in regard to all things which appertain thereto; and to provide and establish suitable lectures and other written work therefor; to establish the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows in such countries, domestic or foreign, wherein the same has not been established; immediate jurisdiction over all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments that have no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment; and also the power to enact all laws of general application to the Order; and whereas it has been claimed under the above general specification of the powers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, that she *alone* has the power of *controlling* and regulating the *right of suffrage* in Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments so far as voting for Grand Officers is concerned, and, as a consequence, the rule was applied of incorporating a principle of that sort in our new Constitution; and whereas we believe that the Grand Lodge of the United States should not apply a rule regulating the right of suffrage in Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments that does not govern in her own body, although we entertain an exalted opinion for our fathers of the Order, and have as much reverence for their teaching and '*ancient usage*' as belongs to any of the votaries of universal philanthropy, yet we believe that Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments should have *exclusive* legislative power upon this question, and regulate the same upon such principles as they may see proper: Therefore,

"*Resolved*, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to introduce and vote for a *general law* giving to Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments full and complete legislative power upon this question."

Rep. Prime, of Maine, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to exchange two notes held by this Lodge against the Grand Lodge of Maine—one of one hundred dollars, due October 12, 1858, and one for one hundred dollars, due September 12, 1859—for four notes of fifty dollars each, payable with interest, annually, in one, two, four and five years, to be signed by the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Rep. Porter, of Rhode Island, presented the appeal of Roger Williams Lodge, No. 3, of Rhode Island, with accompanying papers, which were referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Porter, of Rhode Island, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Verner, of Michigan, presented the appeal of Wayne Lodge, No. 2, of Michigan, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Prall, of Northern New York, submitted the following communication:

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, September 15, 1857.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The death of a near relative, with its domestic consequences, has compelled me to postpone indefinitely my return to California, and consequently the sum of three hundred dollars, which represents the mileage allowed me as Grand Representative, at the last session of the Grand Lodge, for my *return* to California, remains in my hands unexpended, and cannot now be devoted to that purpose. I therefore herewith transmit to your hands the sum of three hundred and eighteen dollars, with eighteen dollars for one year's interest, dating from the time I received it. Very respectfully,

JOHN W. DWINELLE,
Late Grand Representative Grand Encampment California.

On motion of Rep. Parker, of California, it was ordered unanimously that the paper be spread upon the Journal, and that the return therein made to the Treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States be accepted.

Rep. Cornwell, of Northern New York, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge an alteration of the secret work of the Order, as mentioned in the report made at the last session of this R. W. Grand Lodge, by our Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States would be highly productive to the interest of the Order, and result in reviving anew the enthusiasm of the brotherhood and place us again on the bright road to prosperity.

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives of this R. W. Grand Lodge be and are hereby instructed to bring the subject again before the Grand Lodge of the United States at its next annual session, and use their efforts to consummate the desired change.

Rep. Parker, of California, presented the appeal of Daniel McLaren, of California, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Parker, of California, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge of California, on its disputed account with R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Rep. Barry, of Indiana, the Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

After a short time passed in secret session, the Lodge re-opened in legislative session.

The Chair announced the following Special Committees:

Committee on the Resolution of Rep. Parker, of California.—Reps. Parker, of California; Woodbridge, of Vermont; Starr, of Illinois; Blake, of Louisiana; Jones, of Oregon.

Committee for distributing the subjects contained in the Grand Sire's and Grand Secretary's Reports.—Reps. Barry, of Indiana; Wilkinson, of Rhode Island; Lawrence, of Mississippi.

Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That it is hereby declared that the seal of an Encampment or Lodge, to be authentic, must be impressed upon the card or other instrument purporting to be issued under seal, or upon wax, wafer, or some other tenacious substance capable of being impressed, by which the seal must be attached to such card or other instrument; and that a printed or other seal, or representation of a seal, will not answer.

Rep. Heisey, of Iowa, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Book of Diagrams and the unwritten work of the Order be placed in the hands of the Deputy Grand Sire during the session for the use of the members of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, the Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

GEORGE W. RACE.....M. W. Grand Sire.
TIMOTHY G. SENTER....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. JAMES D. McCABE..R. W. Grand Chaplain.
A. M. FOUTE.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
S. H. LEWYT.....W. Grand Guardian.
J. E. CHAMBERLAIN.....W. Grand Messenger.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. James D. McCabe, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Taylor, of Pennsylvania, presented the appeal of Atlas Lodge, No. 295, of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to inquire whether it is competent for a State Grand Lodge to change the terms of Subordinate Lodges in its jurisdiction, so as to begin and end at periods different from those established by this Grand Body.

Also the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS much diversity of practice still exists in the Order in balloting for and conferring degrees, notwithstanding the frequent legislation of the Grand Lodge of the United States on that subject, many Lodges interpreting the law to require the ballot and conference of degrees to be done before the final closing of the Lodge; others that it is competent to do so after the Lodge has regularly closed, degree members only remaining for that purpose; therefore be it

Resolved, That the time, place, and manner of conferring the subordinate degrees are proper subjects of local legislation; provided that all applications for degrees shall be balloted for when the Lodge is working in the degree applied for, and proceedings of the same be kept in a separate record book.

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, when, on his motion, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The select committee to whom was referred the report of the M. W. Grand Sire and of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, for the distribution of the various subjects to appropriate committees, beg leave to recommend—

That so much of the R. W. Grand Secretary's report as relates to the presentation to this Grand Lodge of the bound copies of the proceedings of the several Grand Bodies under this jurisdiction, and so much as relates to correspondence, be referred to the Committee on Correspondence, with instructions to report a resolution in accordance with the suggestions of the R. W. Grand Secretary.

That so much of said report as relates to the demise of P. G. James McLaren, late D. D. Grand Sire for Canada East, be referred to a special committee.

That so much of said report as relates to the finances of this Grand Body be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to the inquiry of D. D. Grand Sire Wood respecting the admission of members of the Polynesian race into our Order be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, with instructions to report some definite action in relation thereto.

That so much as relates to the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire in the interim be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That so much as relates to dispensations granted for Encampments and Lodges in vacation, and so much as refers to the petition of Ancilla Encampment, No. 2, Florida, for change of locality, be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

That so much as relates to the finances be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That so much as relates to the reports of Grand Bodies be referred to the Committee on Returns.

E. H. BARRY,
D. WILKINSON,
J. H. LAWRENCE.

The Chair named Reps. Fuller, of Lower Provinces; Washburn, of Pennsylvania, and Hoke, of North Carolina, as the special committee provided for on the subject of the demise of P. D. D. Grand Sire James McLaren, of Canada East.

Rep. Heaton, of California, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of California, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That our Grand Representatives be and are hereby required to urge in the Grand Lodge of the United States the passage of a law giving some discretion to Subordinate Lodges to refuse the admittance of members who may be intoxicated or known to be otherwise unworthy, even though they may have a properly authenticated card or term pass-word.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That 7½ o'clock P. M. of Wednesday next be the hour assigned for instruction in the secret work of the Order.

Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was concurred in:

Resolved, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be requested to inquire into and report to this Grand Lodge what amount of mileage and per diem was received by P. G. P. Thomas J. McLain, from the Grand Encampment of Ohio, at the last session of this Grand Lodge; and report whether such mileage was an overcharge, and what course ought to be pursued in reference thereto.

Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to make further report. We have certificates of appointment, in due form and according to law, in favor of the following, from the Grand Bodies named in connection with their appointment, viz: P. C. P. John Schlig, (vice J. F. Burchard, resigned,) of the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin; P. G. Daniel Washburn, (vice W. F. Packer, resigned,) of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

P. G. Otis Kaler, of the Grand Encampment of Maine, presents a certificate which does not specify whether he was *elected* or *appointed*, or whether he was *either* elected or appointed. It does not say that he was to fill a vacancy or for a full term.

It appears that J. P. Adams was admitted to a seat in this Grand Lodge from that jurisdiction for the full term of two years at the last session of this Grand Lodge, and it further appears that the Grand Encampment of Maine is entitled to but one Representative.

We have also in our possession a certificate from the Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of Maine, stating that Grand Representative Adams had been suspended from his Subordinate Encampment, and that thereupon the Grand Encampment had declared the office of Grand Representative to be vacant. We also have a letter from the Grand Scribe addressed to P. G. Kaler, stating that he sends him enclosed his certificate of election as Grand Representative.

We therefore are of opinion that we are fully, in this manner, in possession of the fact that P. G. Otis Kaler has been *elected* to fill the vacancy occasioned by the suspension of J. P. Adams from his Subordinate Encampment. We offer the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That P. G. Otis Kaler be admitted to his seat for one year.

We also have the certificate, in due form and according to law, of Chauncey Yale, from the Grand Lodge of Canada West; but it is in the knowledge of this committee that he has never received the Encampment degrees. There is no Grand or Subordinate Encampment in Canada West; and since his election he has been unable to receive the degrees in any other jurisdiction.

We therefore report these facts, and ask the Grand Lodge to take such action as may, in her wisdom, meet the case and the ends of propriety and justice.

SAMUEL L. ADAMS.
R. A. CALDWELL,
JAMES PHELPS.
EDW. MITCHELL

Upon motion to concur in the report, Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, asked a division of the question, and the question being on adopting so much of the report as refers to the Representatives from Maine, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, it was concurred in.

On motion of Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, the residue of the report, referring to the Representative elect from Canada West, was recommitted to the committee.

Rep. Fuller, of the Lower Provinces, (of B. N. A.) submitted the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

"Is a brother eligible to be *a candidate* for the office of Grand Representative without being in possession of the Royal Purple degree."

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order to report whether or not, according to the decisions of this Grand Body, Subordinate Lodges are vested with the right to discriminate between their members in good standing and those under suspension, by charging the latter an increased amount of arrears during the time of suspension.

Rep. J. H. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That members of Subordinate Lodges against whom no charges (for unworthy conduct) are pending at the time of death, are entitled to funeral honors, notwithstanding their indebtedness to their Lodge may be such as to debar them the weekly stipend during sickness, or their families of the pecuniary funeral benefits after death.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS a member of the Committee on Credentials has stated in open Lodge that he has not had the opportunity of attending the meeting of that committee although he requested to be notified thereof—

Resolved, That the chairman of that committee be permitted to make an explanation in reference thereto.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, submitted the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Is a brother who has been elected or appointed Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States from a State jurisdiction, and does not attend any session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, entitled to wear the regalia of a Grand Representative?

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report the unfinished business of the last session.

The Chair named Rep. Barry, of Indiana; Wilkinson, of Rhode Island, and Cornwell, of Northern New York, as the committee.

Rep. Lockett, of Texas, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the next annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the United States be held in the city of New York.

Rep. Parker, of California, moved to amend the resolution by striking out "New York" and inserting "San Francisco."

On motion of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, the whole subject was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials, to whom was referred back so much of their report as refers to the seat of Chauncey Yale, of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, beg leave to report the following resolution:

Resolved, That Chauncey Yale, of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, is not eligible to a seat in this Grand Lodge, he not being in possession of the Encampment degrees.

SAMUEL L. ADAMS,
JAMES PHELPS,
EDWARD MITCHELL,
R. A. CALDWELL,
S. B. KROGMAN.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That immediately after the election of a Grand Representative, it shall be the duty of the Grand Scribe or Grand Secretary of the Body which he is to represent to forward to the R. W. Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge such Representative's certificate of election, and to furnish him with a duplicate thereof.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved to refer the resolution to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. Pruett, of Kentucky, moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which was not adopted.

The question recurring on the motion to refer the resolution to the Legislative Committee, it was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Barry, of Indiana, the Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

After some time passed in secret session the Lodge resumed its ordinary business, when the hour fixed for recess, viz. twelve o'clock, having arrived, the Lodge receded from business for thirty minutes.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled, pursuant to the Order for recess.

Rep. Parker, of California, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Patriarch of the R. W. Grand Encampment of the State of Maryland, be and hereby is requested to grant a dispensation to any Encampment in the State of Maryland to receive a proposition and confer the Encampment degrees on P. G. Chauncey Yale, of Canada West, without the usual delay—there being no Encampment in Canada West.

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, the Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

After some time passed in secret session the Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

When Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the appeal of sundry members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland from the action of said Grand Lodge, ask leave to report—

That upon examination of the document the subject-matter thereof appears properly to belong to the Committee on Appeals. Your committee therefore ask leave to be discharged, and that the appeal be referred to the Committee on Appeals.

R. B. BOYLSTON,
S CRAIGHEAD,
H. F. ASKEW,
FRED. D. STUART,
GEO. W. CASSEDY,

Rep. Washburn, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary append to the printed Journal a list of the names of the Grand Patriarchs and Grand Scribes of the several Grand Encampments, and of the Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of the several State and Territorial Grand Lodges, with their post-office addresses and the time and place of meeting of their respective bodies.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, moved to amend the resolution by striking out all after the word "resolved," and inserting the following:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is hereby instructed to obtain the names and post office addresses of the Grand Patriarchs, Grand Scribes, Grand Masters, and Grand Secretaries of the State and Territorial Grand Encampments and Grand Lodges, and to publish a list of the same with the proceedings of this session of the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of facilitating the correspondence between the different State and Territorial Grand Bodies.

Resolved, That it is hereby made the duty of the Scribes and Secretaries of Grand Encampments and Grand Lodges, at the time of making their annual returns to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of this Grand Lodge, to furnish therewith the post office addresses of their respective Grand Patriarchs, Grand Scribes, Grand Masters, and Grand Secretaries, and it is hereby made his duty to have printed and appended to the proceedings of every session of this Lodge a list of said officers, with their post office addresses, as furnished with the said annual reports.

The question being on the amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being on the resolution as amended—

Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, moved further to amend as follows:

Resolved, That Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes be also instructed to furnish the times and places of the annual sessions of their Grand Bodies, to be published in the same manner as the names of the Grand Officers.

The question recurring on the resolution as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Patten, of Georgia, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be instructed to consider the propriety of preparing a suitable card, to be issued by the several State Grand Lodges to such members of extinct Subordinates as were in good standing at the time such Subordinates discontinued their work; and if in the opinion of said committee it shall be advisable to prepare such card, that they be requested to report a form for the same, during the present session of the R. W. Grand Lodge, which shall distinctly specify the mode by which the party holding such card shall be readmitted to the Order.

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, moved that the Lodge now adjourn, which was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, moved that the Lodge now resolve itself into secret session, which was resolved in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Parker, of California, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present, all the Grand Officers and a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. James D. McCabe, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. Garrett, of Iowa, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Taylor, of Pennsylvania, presented the appeal of Independence Lodge, No. 55, from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

On motion of Rep. Parker, of California, the report of the Committee on Credentials, in the case of Chauncey Yale, of Canada West, adopted on yesterday, was reconsidered.

The question being on the report of the committee, it was, on motion of Rep. Parker, of California, recommitted to the committee.

Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which, on motion of Rep. Jones, of Oregon, was concurred in:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that the certificate of Past Grand Master Martin B. Harper, (vice A. D. Hall, resigned,) from the Grand Lodge of Alabama, is in due form and according to law, and we recommend that he be admitted to a seat.

SAML. L. ADAMS,
EDWARD MITCHELL,
R. A. CALDWELL,
SAML. B. KROGMAN,
JAMES PHELPS.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom the resolution of Rep. Lockett, of Texas, in relation to the reconsideration of a ballot for a rejected candidate, was referred, beg leave to report—

That this subject was before the Grand Lodge at its last session. The Legislative Committee made a favorable report, and recommended the adoption of a resolution similar to that introduced at the present session. The resolution was not adopted. With all deference to our predecessors on this committee, we think the Grand Lodge acted wisely in refusing to sanction such a measure. We conceive it would be destructive to the secrecy of the ballot to permit a motion for its reconsideration to be entertained. Such a motion necessarily compels a member to disclose his opposition by voting against it, or to acquiesce in the passage of an objectionable measure.

The committee recommend that the resolution be not adopted.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
E. H. BARRY,
JOSHUA VANSANT,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE,
S. H. PARKER.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland was referred relating to the reinstatement of members suspended indefinitely for non-payment of dues, submit the following report:

The subject is one of importance. Upon examining the Journals of this body we find various conflicting decisions. They have misled and embarrassed Subordinates who have been called upon to act on applications for reinstatements. Different practices on the subject prevail in different jurisdictions, and all profess to find a sanction in the decisions of this Grand Body. Your committee, after mature consideration, conceive that the interest of the Order will be promoted by placing the whole matter under the control of the State Jurisdictions. They recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That in cases of indefinite suspension for the non-payment of dues the matter of reinstatement shall be left to the discretion of the respective State jurisdictions in which such suspension may take place, and as the local laws may determine.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
E. H. BARRY,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE,
JOSHUA VANSANT,
S. H. PARKER.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, "for the establishment of official honors in the Patriarchal branch of the Order," beg leave to report that the honors prescribed for the officers of Grand Lodges are intended alike for the officers of Grand Encampments. Further legislation is therefore unnecessary. The committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH.
E. H. BARRY,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE,
JOSHUA VANSANT,
S. H. PARKER.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, instructing said committee "to report a plan for the readmission of members who have resigned without taking withdrawal cards," beg leave to report that it has already been decided by this Grand Body "that any person who, being at the time in good standing, shall have withdrawn from the Order by a written resignation, may be readmitted as an ancient Odd-Fellow, after examination of character by a committee and a favorable ballot." (See volume four, pages 1922, 2115, 2170.) The committee deem further legislation on the subject unnecessary, and beg leave to be discharged from its consideration.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
E. H. BARRY,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE,
JOSHUA VANSANT,
S. H. PARKER.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom the resolution of Rep. Heaton, of California, was referred, relating to the expediency of authorizing Subordinate Lodges to refuse admittance to visiting members under certain circumstances, beg leave to report—

That this Grand Lodge has repeatedly decided that brothers in possession of proper cards, and who prove themselves according to established regulations, are entitled to admission into the Lodges or Encampments of any State or Territory. Your committee think it would be hazardous to introduce any regulation which might restrict the rights of a worthy member, even if a Lodge should occasionally be inconvenienced by the reception of an unwelcome visiter. It will be

better to leave the right to visit free and untrammelled. They recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That inasmuch as it is proper for any Lodge or Encampment to report to a sister body which granted the card any improper conduct on the part of the holder, and the card may be withdrawn or annulled, the remedies existing are sufficient, and further legislation is unnecessary.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
E. H. BARRY,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom the resolution of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, in relation to the introduction of a law providing facilities for the obtaining by Subordinate Lodges or Encampments of the testimony of non-resident or absent witnesses, was referred, have considered the subject, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That whenever a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, or a member of either, when under a charge, shall desire to take the testimony of a witness whose personal presence cannot be had before the tribunal trying such charge, his deposition may be taken in the following manner: the party desiring to take the deposition shall file with the Secretary of the Lodge or Scribe of the Encampment the interrogatories he wishes to be propounded to the witness or witnesses, naming them. The Secretary or Scribe shall immediately deliver or cause to be delivered to the opposite party a copy of the interrogatories. The latter party, within one week from such service, may file counter interrogatories with the Secretary or Scribe, if he or they think proper. At the expiration of the week, or sooner, if counter interrogatories be sooner filed, the Secretary or Scribe shall forthwith forward them to the Noble Grand of a Lodge near the witness, with a communication requesting him to take the deposition of the witness or witnesses named. Upon receipt of the same the Noble Grand shall, as soon as possible, take or cause the depositions to be taken by some competent member of the Order; causing every interrogatory to be propounded to the witness, and the answer to each reduced to writing in the presence of the witness; and when the deposition is completed shall cause the witness to sign the same, and then the Noble Grand or person taking the same shall certify the same to be duly taken, and such certificate shall be verified by the seal of the Lodge; and the deposition shall then be sealed in an envelope and transmitted by mail to the Lodge or Encampment before which the trial is pending.

Resolved, further, That depositions thus taken and certified may be read in evidence in the cause to which its relates.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
E. H. BARRY,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE,
JOSHUA VANSANT,
S. H. PARKER.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Patten, of Georgia, on the propriety of procuring a card to be

issued by State Bodies to such members of extinct Subordinates as were in good standing at the time of their discontinuance, beg leave to report—

That a certificate from the Secretary of a State Grand Lodge, who becomes the custodian of the charter, books, papers, &c. of extinct Subordinates, setting forth the actual standing of a member of a Lodge at the time of its demise, is competent evidence for Subordinates in their action upon the application of a member of a defunct Lodge for re-admission into the Order. They therefore deem the issuing of a prescribed form of card for such members unnecessary.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
E. H. BARRY,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE,
S. H. PARKER.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, finding them to be resolutions of inquiry with regard to the powers of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana under existing law, and not an amendment actually made and submitted for approval, would respectfully recommend that they be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

F. A. ELLIS,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JAMES B. KELLOGG,
W. K. EDWARDS,
J. E. STARR.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendments adopted by the Grand Lodge of Maryland to the constitution of that Grand Body; also, the amendment adopted by the Grand Lodge of Florida to the constitution of that Grand Body; also, the amendments to the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, do respectfully report—

That they have had the said several matters under consideration, and find them each to be in harmony with the constitution and laws of this Grand Lodge. They therefore recommend that they be severally approved.

F. A. ELLIS,
J. E. STARR,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JAMES B. KELLOGG,
WM. K. EDWARDS.

Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, from the Committee on Constitutions made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, of the State of Vermont, have examined the same, and find that it conforms to the regulations of this R. W. Grand Body, and would recommend that it be approved.

The same committee, to whom the amended constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island was referred, after having examined it, would recommend, as it conforms to the regulations of the Grand Lodge of the United States, that it be approved.

F. A. ELLIS,
JAMES E. STARR,
JAMES B. KELLOGG,
W. K. EDWARDS,
E. C. ROBINSON.

Rep. Eckel, of Delaware, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing respectfully report that they have had the matter of the printing of the Journal of the present session of this R. W. Grand Body before them, and find that the proposal of P. G. Rep. James Young, of Baltimore, is the only one received at the office of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary. The committee having examined said proposal, and finding it satisfactory, have concluded a contract with Bro. Young for the printing. The contract and necessary papers and samples are now in the hands of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

HENRY ECKEL,
ALEXANDER E. GLENN,
JOHN W. PRUETT,
JOHN S. HORNER,
JOHN W. HODGSON.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer submitted his annual report, as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report of the receipts and disbursements for the year commencing the 16th day of September, 1856, and ending on the 22d of September, 1857, inclusive, with such other matters as are connected with the financial condition of the Grand Lodge.

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.*

1856.	TO CASH RECEIVED.	DR.
Sept. 16,	Cash balance as per report of Finance Committee, page 2613, Journal of 1856	$10,239 52
	This sum received from Grand Secretary Ridgely from the 17th September, 1856, to 1st September, 1857, both inclusive	12,157 01
	This sum received from Grand Secretary Ridgely from 2d September to 22d September, 1857, both inclusive	5,447 59
Nov. 26,	Gross amount of note of Grand Lodge of the United States, dated October 31st, 1856, at three months	1,500 00
Dec. 10,	Gross amount of note of Grand Lodge of the United States, dated October 31st, 1856, at four months	1,200 00
1857.		
Mar. 3,	Nett proceeds of note of Grand Lodge of the United States, dated October 31st, 1856, at five months, for $1,050	1,044 58
Sept. 21,	Grand Lodge of Maine, note	121 15
Sept. 21,	Grand Encampment of Maine, note	116 94
		$31,826 79

1856.	BY CASH PAID.	CR.
Sept. 17, No.	1, G. Mess. Chamberlain, postage	$50 00
Sept. 17, No.	2, W. H. Cook, mileage and per diem	54 00
Sept. 20, No.	3, John D. Butt, mileage and per diem	91 00
Sept. 20, No.	4, DeWitt C. Langdon, mileage and per diem	35 00
Sept. 20, No.	5, A. A. Barnes, mileage and per diem	75 00
Sept. 20, No.	6, John Wallace, mileage and per diem	42 50
Sept. 20, No.	7, Joshua Vansant, per diem	18 00
Sept. 20, No.	8, S. H. Lewyt, per diem	18 00
Sept. 20, No.	9, J. F. Birchard, mileage and per diem	150 00
Sept. 20, No.	10, G. W. Cassedy, mileage and per diem	37 20
Sept. 20, No.	11, Richard A. Caldwell, mileage and per diem	75 00
Sept. 20, No.	12, Jason Stockbridge, Jr., per diem	18 00
Sept. 20, No.	13, Mark Prime, mileage and per diem	72 60
Sept. 20, No.	14, E. D. Farnsworth, mileage and per diem	125 00
Sept. 20, No.	15, Charles R. Hansford, mileage and per diem	130 50
Sept. 20, No.	16, James Phelps, mileage and per diem	45 00
Sept. 20, No.	17, James E. Starr, mileage and per diem	130 00
Sept. 20, No.	18, Charles Moore, mileage and per diem	32 00
Sept. 20, No.	19, Dexter Gilmore, mileage and per diem	63 00
Sept. 20, No.	20, W. H. H. Prall, mileage and per diem	68 30
Sept. 20, No.	21, Tracy R. Morgan, mileage and per diem	60 40
Sept. 20, No.	22, John G. Clayton, mileage and per diem	38 00
Sept. 20, No.	23, Milton Herndon, mileage and per diem	106 30
Sept. 20, No.	24, E. H. Barry, mileage and per diem	97 [illegible]
Sept 20, No.	25, Daniel Woolsey, mileage and per diem	126 50
Sept. 20, No.	26, T. J. McLain, mileage and per diem	105 00
Sept. 20, No.	27, William Curtis, mileage and per diem	28 00
Sept. 20, No.	28, William English, mileage and per diem	28 00
Sept. 20, No.	29, William Potter, Jr., mileage and per diem	54 00
Sept. 20, No.	30, W. H Remington, mileage and per diem	125 00
Sept. 20, No.	31, William White, mileage and per diem	146 50
Sept. 20, No.	32, I. M. Tucker, mileage and per diem	36 40
Sept. 20, No.	33, Benjamin Conley, mileage and per diem	91 00
Sept. 20, No.	34, T. G. Senter, mileage and per diem	68 00
Sept. 20, No.	35, Edmund Mitchell, mileage and per diem	89 00
Sept 20, No.	36, William K. Edwards, mileage and per diem	104 20

Sept. 20,	No.	37, John A. Kennedy, mileage and per diem.....	$38 00
Sept. 20,	No.	38, William Thayer, mileage and per diem.....	89 00
Sept. 20,	No.	39, Samuel Craighead, mileage and per diem.....	85 50
Sept. 20,	No.	40, Rev. Reuben Jones, mileage and per diem.....	39 80
Sept. 20,	No.	41, J. B. Straw, mileage and per diem.....	84 00
Sept. 20,	No.	42, Paxson Coats, mileage and per diem.....	82 60
Sept. 20,	No.	43, J. H. Robinson, mileage and per diem.....	48 00
Sept. 20,	No.	44, Asa B. Clark, mileage and per diem.....	129 00
Sept. 20,	No.	45, David B. Booth, mileage and per diem.....	44 80
Sept. 20,	No.	46, A. D. Hall, mileage and per diem.....	146 50
Sept. 20,	No.	47, Samuel B. Krogman, mileage and per diem.....	62 00
Sept. 20,	No.	48, F. E. Woodbridge, mileage and per diem.....	67 30
Sept. 20,	No.	49, Thomas Rich, mileage and per diem.....	22 00
Sept. 20,	No.	50, F. D. Stuart, mileage and per diem.....	22 00
Sept. 20,	No.	51, J. W. Hodgson, mileage and per diem.....	22 00
Sept. 20,	No.	52, E. C. Robinson, mileage and per diem.....	38 00
Sept. 20,	No.	53, J. S. Whitaker, mileage and per diem.....	31 00
Sept. 20,	No.	54, A. M. Foute, mileage and per diem.....	155 50
Sept. 20,	No.	55, C. R. Layton, mileage and per diem.....	34 00
Sept. 20,	No.	56, H. F. Askew, mileage and per diem.....	25 50
Sept. 20,	No.	57, Henry Eckel, mileage and per diem.....	25 50
Sept. 20,	No.	58, E. W. Fitzhugh, mileage and per diem.....	56 90
Sept. 20,	No.	59, F. A. Ellis, mileage and per diem.....	23 10
Sept. 20,	No.	60, C. E. Buckingham, mileage and per diem.....	62 00
Sept. 20,	No.	61, R. B. Boylston, mileage and per diem.....	84 50
Sept. 20,	No.	62, James W. Hale, mileage and per diem.....	32 00
Sept. 20,	No.	63, H. G. Stetson, mileage and per diem.....	167 00
Sept. 20,	No.	64, Henry E. Lockett, mileage and per diem.....	227 00
Sept. 20,	No.	65, E. P. Hunt, mileage and per diem.....	212 00
Sept. 20,	No.	66, William Garrett, mileage and per diem.....	189 00
Sept. 20,	No.	67, William A. Strong, mileage and per diem.....	152 00
Sept. 20,	No.	68, Martin Heisey, mileage and per diem.....	189 00
Sept. 20,	No.	69, Samuel H. Parker, mileage and per diem	613 30
Sept. 20,	No.	70, L. F. Tower, mileage and per diem.....	167 00
Sept. 20,	No.	71, William H. Foster, mileage and per diem.....	167 00
Sept. 20,	No.	72. Moses Hyneman, mileage and per diem.....	633 00
Sept. 20,	No.	73, John S. Horner, mileage and per diem.....	178 00
Sept. 20,	No.	74, F. J. Barnard, mileage and per diem.....	150 50
Sept. 20,	No.	75, James W. Moore, mileage and per diem.....	212 00
Sept. 20,	No.	76, James Carr, mileage and per diem.....	157 50
Sept. 20,	No.	77, Samuel L. Adams, mileage and per diem.....	97 18
Sept. 20,	No.	78, H. L. Webster, mileage and per diem.....	58 00
Sept. 20,	No.	79, George C. Williams, mileage and per diem.....	85 00
Sept. 20,	No.	80, George W. Adams, mileage and per diem.....	105 50
Sept. 20,	No.	81, David H. Wright, mileage and per diem.....	162 00
Sept. 20,	No.	82, P. R. Hills, mileage and per diem.....	66 00
Sept. 20,	No.	83, Moses M. Burbank, mileage and per diem.....	72 00
Sept. 20,	No.	84, Isaac M. Veitch, mileage and per diem.....	125 00
Sept. 20,	No.	85, Thomas Shackelford, mileage and per diem.....	158 00
Sept. 20,	No,	86, J. W. Pruett, mileage and per diem.....	95 30
Sept. 20,	No.	87, John W. Dwinelle, mileage and per diem.....	613 30
Sept. 20,	No.	88, Charles Woolford, mileage and per diem.....	97 60
Sept. 20,	No.	89, Thomas D. Evans, mileage and per diem.....	194 50
Sept. 20,	No.	90, Emory Holbrook, mileage and per diem.....	696 00
Sept. 20,	No.	91, N. H. Dearborn, mileage and per diem.....	168 80
Sept. 20,	No.	92, G. Mess. Chamberlain, postage.....	50 00
Sept. 20,	No.	93, J. J. Johnson, services.....	12 00
Sept. 20,	No.	94, E. G. Fuller, mileage and per diem.....	125 50
Sept. 20,	No.	95, Richard Marley, per diem.....	18 00
Sept. 20,	No.	96, D. G. Sire George W. Race, mileage and per diem.	167 00
Sept. 22,	No.	97, Two days per diem for fifty-seven officers and Representatives.....	342 00

Sept. 25,	No. 98, Discount on uncurrent funds	$ 1 10
Oct. 9,	No. 99, J. J. Johnson as per resolution	4 00
Oct. 9,	No. 100, G. Mess. Chamberlain, postage	64 40
Nov. 10,	No. 101, Policy of insurance on furniture	13 50
Nov. 21,	No. 102, E. Sandys, printing cards, &c	108 75
Dec. 1,	No. 103, Louis Bonsal, binding Journal	250 00
Dec. 1,	No. 104, G. Secretary J. L. Ridgely, three months' salary	300 00
Dec. 1,	No. 105, G. Mess. Chamberlain, three months' salary	175 00
Dec. 1,	No. 105, G. Mess. Chamberlain, postage, boxes, &c	69 21
Dec. 1,	No. 106, Discount on note of Grand Lodge of United States.	17 50
Dec. 2,	No. 107, James Young, printing Journal, &c. on account	700 00
Dec. 8,	No. 108, Jacob Mearis, services	5 00
Dec. 9,	No. 109, James Young, printing Journal, &c	1,562 02
Dec. 9,	No. 110, Discount on uncurrent funds	45
Dec. 10,	No. 111, Discount on note, Grand Lodge of United States	16 80
Dec. 15,	No. 112, P. G. Sire William W. Moore, for Index to 4th vol.	100 00
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Feb. 3,	No. 113, Discounted note of Grand Lodge of United States	1500 00
Feb. 3,	No. 114, James Young, printing degree books, &c	135 48
Feb. 27,	No. 115, Louis Bonsal, binding Digest	160 00
Mar. 2,	No. 116, G. Secretary J. L. Ridgely, three months' salary	300 00
Mar. 2,	No. 117, G. Mess. Chamberlain, three months' salary	175 00
Mar. 2,	No. 117, G. Mess. Chamberlain, postage, &c	36 73
Mar. 3,	No. 118, Discounted note of Grand Lodge of United States	1200 00
Mar. 17,	No. 119, E. Sandys, engraving card, &c	100 00
Mar. 17,	No. 120, Discount on uncurrent funds	89
Apr. 3,	No. 121, Discounted note of Grand Lodge of United States	1050 00
Apr. 11,	No. 122, Louis Bonsal, binding Encampment books	33 36
Apr. 30,	No. 123, James Young, printing Encampment books	67 00
Apr. 30,	No. 124, James Young, printing circulars, &c	20 00
June 4,	No. 125, G. Mess. Chamberlain, three months' salary, &c	216 27
June 6,	No. 126, G. Secretary Ridgely, three months' salary	300 00
June 16,	No. 127, E. Sandys, printing cards, &c	249 75
July 6,	No. 128, G. Mess. Chamberlain, postage, &c	21 52
July 23,	No. 129, E. Sandys, printing cards	56 25
Aug. 23,	No. 130, J. W. Bond & Co., stationery	142 61
Aug. 29,	No. 131, Grand Encampment of Iowa	10 00
Aug. 31,	No. 132, G. Secretary J. L. Ridgely, three months' salary	300 00
Sep. 1,	No. 133, Grand Lodge of Maryland, rent of Hall, &c	275 00
Sep. 1,	No. 134, G. Mess. Chamberlain, three months' salary	175 00
Sep. 1,	No. 134, G. Mess. Chamberlain, postage, &c	28 35
Sep. 1,	No. 135, James Young, printing cards, &c	36 25
Sep. 2,	No. 136, Protested draft on J. Thompson, New York city	114 56
Sep. 19,	No. 137, Salary of Grand Treasurer	200 00
Sep. 21,	No. 138, G. Mess. Chamberlain, postage, &c	14 92
		$21,413 55
	Balance	10,413 24
		$31,826 79

It will be perceived that the reported balance is $10,413.24. Of this sum, however, there are drafts which will not mature until after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge amounting to $1,424.79—which leaves a real cash balance in hand of $8,988.45. Estimating, therefore, that $11,000 will be required to pay the mileage and per diem of the Representatives and Officers in attendance at the present session, the sum of $2,011.55 will be required, in addition to the cash balance now in the Treasury, for that object.

A large portion of the expenses of the Lodge inures in the months of October and November succeeding the adjournment for printing and binding the Journal of Proceedings, &c., whilst a very small portion of revenue accrues during the same time; and it therefore may be fairly estimated that there will be a balance of $4,000 against the Treasury on the 1st of December, 1857, for which contingency it is the part of prudence to provide.

It is, however, gratifying to state that the present report exhibits a balance of $173.72 greater than appeared by the report made to the Grand Lodge on the 16th of September, 1856.

Most respectfully, your obedient servant,

JOSHUA VANSANT, *G. Treasurer.*

BALTIMORE, September 22, 1857.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Prime, of Maine, to be found on page 2727, Journal, beg leave to report, and recommend that the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to exchange the two notes held by this Grand Lodge against the Grand Lodge of Maine—to wit, one of one hundred dollars, due October 12, 1858, and one for one hundred dollars, due October 12, 1859—for four notes of fifty dollars each, payable with interest, annually, in one, two, four, and five years, to be signed by the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
B. CONLEY,
JNO. G. CLAYTON,
J. CRICKARD,
C. WOOLSEY.

Rep. Kellogg, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois; also, the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the same State, referred to them; and that they find them in accordance with the laws of this Grand Lodge. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amended constitutions of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Encampment of Illinois be approved.

F. A. ELLIS,
E. C. ROBINSON,
W. K. EDWARDS,
JAMES B. KELLOGG.

Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials, to whom was recommitted the case of Bro. Chauncey Yale, of Canada West, beg leave to report the following resolution:

Resolved, That Rep. Chauncey Yale, of Canada West, be admitted to his seat, he now being in possession of the Encampment degrees.

SAMUEL L. ADAMS,
B. A. CALDWELL,
JAMES PHELPS,
EDWARD MITCHELL,
SAMUEL B. KROGMAN

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance have had under consideration the condition of the finances of the Grand Lodge, referred to them, and beg leave to report —

That they have given the subject that serious and careful consideration its importance demands. It is apparent from the reports of the accounting officers that the finances of the Grand Lodge are in no better condition than at the last session. The balance in the treasury is $10,413.24, being, substantially, the same amount reported at the commencement of the session of 1856, and nearly the same expenses to provide for. The largest item of expenditure is, of course, the mileage and per diem, and, estimating for this object the same amount as last year, the balance now on hand will fall short over one thousand dollars, to meet this expense alone, to say nothing of other large and necessary expenses accruing at this session for printing Journal, &c.

From the estimates made by the committee, upon the best data before them, and computing the Representative tax as now collected, the revenue for the current year will fall short of the estimated expenses say three thousand dollars, which must be provided for either by a reduction of the mileage and per diem of Representatives at the present session, or by increasing the price of supplies, or by adopting the proposition to increase the Representative tax. In the opinion of the committee the latter plan seems most feasible and likely to meet the emergency.

Ordinary prudence and foresight would dictate some mode by which the finances of the body should be placed upon a permanent basis, and its legislation at this session should look to this end. The Grand Lodge must reduce its expenses to its present income, either by a reduction of mileage and per diem, a resort to biennial sessions, or limit the number of Representatives at annual sessions to one from each jurisdiction, as proposed by a pending amendment to section two of

article nine of the constitution, on page 2670 Journal of 1856, or find itself in a few years bankrupt and unable to meet its extraordinary expenses.

The committee, in view of the whole subject and the facts presented, would earnestly recommend to the Grand Lodge the adoption of the proposed amendment to the constitution on page 2661, increasing the Representative tax to one hundred dollars for each Representative, and ask that this proposition be immediately acted upon in order that the committee may be able to submit an estimate of the revenue for the fiscal year.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
B. CONLEY,
J. CRICKARD,
JOHN G. CLAYTON,*
D. WOOLSEY.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved to suspend the rule requiring reports to lay on the table for one day, for the purpose of considering the report, which was agreed to, and the report being under consideration—

Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, moved that the Grand Lodge now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the report of the Finance Committee.

Rep. Cornwell, of Northern New York, moved the previous question, and the main question, being ordered, was put as follows: "Will the Grand Lodge go into a Committee of the Whole on the report of the Committee on Finance?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question being on concurring in the report and adopting the recommendation of the committee—

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, moved that the report of the Committee on Finance be recommitted to the committee, with instructions to report a resolution to increase the price of supplies to such rate as will be sufficient to raise the amount necessary to meet the wants of this Grand Body.

At this stage of the proceedings—

Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, again moved that the Grand Lodge resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole upon the report of the Committee on Finance and the amendment pending thereto, which was passed in the affirmative; and the Lodge accordingly so resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, Rep. Vansant, of Maryland, in the chair.

After some hours' deliberation the committee rose.

The Grand Sire having resumed the chair—

Rep. Vansant, of Maryland, from the Committee of the Whole, reported that the Committee of the Whole, having had under consideration the report of the Committee on Finance and the amendment pending thereto, had reached no conclusion, and asked leave to sit again.

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* Except to so much as relates to increase of Representative tax.

When, on motion, leave was granted the committee to sit again at 12½ o'clock this day.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That article ten of the constitution be so amended as to read in the first line after the word Sires "*Past Deputy Grand Sires.*"

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed to report the unfinished business of the last session find the following:

Resolution relative to obtaining testimony of non-resident witnesses, offered by Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, session of '55—page 2506—postponed by recommendation of Legislative Committee to this session. —See Journal, page 2639.

Report and resolution of Legislative Committee relating to officers of Grand Bodies taking a withdrawal card, &c.—See Journal, page 2665.

Resolution of Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia, relative to members residing in one jurisdiction and belonging to a Subordinate in another, being entitled to same honors, &c.—See Journal, page 2674.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Amendment to section 4, article 16, by Rep. Hyneman, of California.—Page 2626 of the Journal.

Amendment to article 14, by Rep. Conley, of Georgia.—See Journal, page 2661.

Amendment to article 3, section 1, by Rep. Williams, of New Hampshire —See Journal, page 2662.

Amendment to article 16, section 4, by Rep. Dwinelle, of California. —See Journal, page 2662.

Amendments to articles 9 and 12, by Rep. Clayton, of Southern New York.—See Journal, page 2663.

Amendment to article 16, section 4, by Rep. Starr, of Illinois.—See Journal, page 2663.

Amendment to article 4, section 16, by Rep. Parker, of California.—See Journal, page 2663.

Amendment to article 9, section 2, by P. G. Sire Kennedy, of Southern New York.—See Journal, page 2670.

Amendment to article 9, section 3, by Rep. Straw, of Maine —See Journal, page 2676.

E. H. BARRY,
D. WILKINSON,
WILLIAM I. CORNWELL.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals respectfully report that the paper in form of an appeal from Geo. Williams, Noble Grand of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, of Honolulu, is more properly an official inquiry as to the effect and operation of certain general regulations of the Order, and appears to belong more properly to the Committee on the State of the Order. Your committee therefore ask to be discharged from its further consideration, and that the same be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

J. A. KENNEDY,
GEO. W. ADAMS,
THOS. SHACKELFORD,
WILLIAM THAYER,
HENRY E. LOCKETT.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred a resolution (page 2728, Journal,) on the subject of seals, ask leave to report that the law requires certain documents to be authenticated by having the seal attached, but there is no direction as to the manner in which this is to be done. The remedy, therefore, is to be furnished by a new enactment, and, that this may be provided, the committee ask leave to be discharged, and that the resolution be referred to the Legislative Committee.

R. B. BOYLSTON,
H. F. ASKEW,
S. CRAIGHEAD,
F. D. STUART,
GEO. W. CASSEDY.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred a resolution from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, (page 2724, Journal,) ask leave to report that while "the committee have not been able to find any decision of this body upon the question referred, they have no hesitation in declaring that a Grand Master has power to act under a resolution conferring authority at a time when the Grand Lodge is entertaining a resolution to reconsider the same, he being aware of the fact." Whether the pendency of a motion to reconsider should induce a suspension of action, is a matter for the discretion of the executive officer

R. B. BOYLSTON,
S. CRAIGHEAD,
H. F. ASKEW,
GEORGE W. CASSEDY,
F. D. STUART.

Rep. Moore, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred sundry petitions for charters for Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, beg leave to report favorably, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That a charter be granted for the establishment of Shawnee Lodge, No. 1, to be located at Tecumseh, Kansas Territory, and that the action of the Executive in the premises, during the recess, be confirmed.

Resolved, That a charter be granted for the establishment of Leavenworth Lodge, No. 2, to be located at Leavenworth, Kansas Territory, and that the action of the Executive in the premises, during the recess, be confirmed.

Resolved, That a charter be granted for the establishment of Wyandotte Lodge, No. 3, to be located at Wyandotte, Kansas Territory, and that the action of the Executive in the premises, during the recess, be confirmed.

Resolved, That a charter be granted for the establishment of ——— Lodge, No. 4, to be located at Lawrence, Kansas Territory, and that the action of the Executive in the premises be confirmed.

Resolved, That a charter be granted for the establishment of Bellevue Lodge, No. 4, to be located at Bellevue, Nebraska Territory, and that the action of the Executive in the premises be confirmed.

Resolved, That a charter be granted for the establishment of Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, to be located at Bennington, Vermont, and that the action of the Executive in the premises, during the recess, be confirmed.

Resolved, That a charter be granted for the establishment of ——— Lodge, No. —, to be located at Atchison, Kansas Territory.

Resolved, That a charter be granted for the establishment of a Lodge at Brownsville, Nebraska Territory, to be called ——— Lodge, No.—.

CHARLES MOORE,
H. G. STETSON.
S. H. BAILEY,
E. D. FARNSWORTH.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted the following supplementary report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Corresponding and Recording Secretary respectfully submits the subjoined supplementary statement of the receipts since the close of his former report.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *G. C. and R. Sec'ry.*

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts by the Grand Secretary, after the close of his Annual Report, up to and inclusive of the 22d of September*, 1857.

GRAND LODGES.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Diplomas.	Miscellaneous.	Representative tax.	Total.
Vermont	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$50 00	$50 00
Ohio	.....	$200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200 00
South Carolina	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Pennsylvania	.....	400 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	500 00
S. New York	.....	100 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....	100 00	220 00
Connecticut	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	100 00
Tennessee	.....	40 00	50 00	.....	.....	.....	100 00	190 00
Georgia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	100 00
Indiana	.....	267 00	193 48	7 50	.....	.....	100 00	567 98
Texas	.....	70 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 00
California	6 92	140 00	397 13	11 25	62 50	32 20	100 00	750 00
Oregon	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	50 00
Florida	.....	58 31	.....	.....	.....	1 25	50 00	109 56
Iowa	.....	.....	55 58	.....	.....	.....	.....	55 58
Delaware	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Maine	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	100 00
N. New York	.....	.....	30 74	.....	.....	.....	100 00	130 74
Arkansas	.....	.....	61 26	7 50	.....	56	50 00	119 32
Wisconsin	.....	160 00	116 00	7 50	.....	.....	100 00	383 50
	$6 92	$1465 31	$924 19	$33 75	$62 50	$34 01	1200 00	$3726 68

AMOUNT OF SUPPLIES *sold from Sept. 18th, 1856, to Sept. 21st, 1857, showing cost of articles, selling price, and profits.*

Number of each article sold.		Sold for.	Cost price.	Profit.
Cards, 30,686		$5,852 20	$383 57	$5,468 63
Degree of Rebekah, 316		395 00	47 50	347 50
Degree books sold, 323 Furnished new Lodges, 10	333	806 50	69 93	736 57
Charge books sold, 601 Furnished new Lodges, 14	615	1,489 50	123 00	1,366 50
Encampment books sold, 230 Furnished new Encampments, 18	248	559 50	84 32	475 18
Odes, 6,141		229 24	122 82	106 42
Institution books sold, 48 Furnished D. D. Grand Sires, 7	55	60 00	8 80	51 20
Forms for Degree Lodges, 2,031		50 83	10 15	40 68
Grand Encampment books, 4		5 00	.....	5 00
Revised Journal sold, 66 Per resolution G. L. U. S. 48	114	678 00	.....	.....
Digested Index sold, 382 Per resolution G. L. U. S. 73	455	634 00	191 00	443 00
Diplomas sold, 273 Per resolution G. L. U. S. 45	318	310 75	79 50	231 25
		$11,070 52	$1,120 59	$9,271 93

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts by Grand Secretary, after the close of his Annual Report, up to and inclusive of September 22d*, 1857.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Diplomas.	Representative tax.	Total.
Southern New York..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$ 50 00	$ 50 00
Connecticut.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	50 00	50 00
Virginia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 00	70 00
Tennessee.....	$ 6 00	.....	$15 00	.....	.....	50 00	71 00
Georgia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	50 00
Texas.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	50 00
California.....	.....	.....	45 00	$3 75	.....	50 00	98 75
District of Columbia..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	50 00
Pennsylvania.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	100 00
Indiana.....	.....	$60 00	63 75	.....	.....	100 00	223 75
Northern New York..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00	100 00
Maine.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	100 00
Mississippi.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	50 00
Missouri.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	05	.....	05
Wisconsin.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	50 00
South Carolina.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	50 00
	$56 00	$60 00	$123 75	$3 75	05	$920 00	$1163 55

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Supplies on hand September 18, 1856, *amount received since, amount sold during the year, and amount on hand September* 21, 1857.

	Cards.	Degree of Rebekah.	Charge Books.	Degree Books.	Grand Encampment Books.	Institution Books.	Grand Lodge Books.	Sub. Encampment Books.	Diplomas.	Odes.	Revised Journal.	Digested Index.	Forms for Degree Lodges.
On hand Sept. 18, '56	9545	910	1214	1271	63	408	87	590	...	...61	281	129	296
Rec'd during the year	35000	....	....	....	..	....	..	..	484	40000	...	1000	10000
Total.....	44545	910	1214	1271	63	408	87	590	484	40061	281	1129	10296
Sold during the year.	30686	316	615	333	4	55	..	248	318	6141	114	382	2031
On hand Sept. 18, '57	13859	594	599	938	59	353	87	342	166	33920	167	747	8265

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts of Grand Secretary, after the close of his Annual Report, up to and inclusive of the 22d of September*, 1857.

	Balance.	Charter.	Dues.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Ellison Encampment, No. 1, Oregon	.....	$30 00	.....	.....	$30 00
Chemeketa Lodge, No. 1, Oregon	$33 58	.....	.....	.....	33 58
Samaritan Lodge, No. 2, Oregon	36 40	.....	.....	.....	36 40
Oregon City Lodge; No. 3, Oregon	25 41	.....	.....	.....	25 41
Albany Lodge, No. 4, Oregon	38 90	.....	.....	.....	38 90
Eagle Encampment, No. 1, Ark	.....	.....	13 50	.....	13 50
Walker Encampment, No. 5, Ark	.....	.....	78 95	2 62	81 57
John W. Dwinelle, of California	.....	.....	.....	318 00	318 00
——— Lodge, No. 5, Kansas	.....	30 00	.....	.....	30 00
	$134 29	$60 00	$92 45	$320 62	$607 36

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

BOOKS	Statement	$3491 87
	Supplementary	1047 94
CARDS	Statement	4197 30
	Supplementary	1525 31
ODES	Statement	191 39
	Supplementary	37 50
DIPLOMAS	Statement	249 20
	Supplementary	62 55
BALANCES	Statement	551 98
	Supplementary	197 21
MISCELLANEOUS	Statement	68 35
	Supplementary	354 63
REPRESENTATIVE TAX	Statement	2900 00
	Supplementary	2120 00
CHARTERS	Statement	180 00
	Supplementary	60 00
DUES	Statement	326 92
	Supplementary	92 45
Amount of receipts		$17,654 60

AMOUNT OF MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE WILDEY ANNUITY, *from September 15th*, 1856, *to September 22*, 1857.

Grand Lodge of Missouri	$40 00
Grand Lodge of Texas	80 00
Grand Lodge of Arkansas	12 00
Grand Lodge of Illinois	40 00
Grand Lodge of South Carolina	40 00
Grand Lodge of Maryland	40 00
Grand Lodge of Georgia	40 00
	$292 00

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1857.

LODGES.	No. of Lodges.	No. of initiations.	No. of rejections.	No. admitted by card.	No. withdrawn by card.	No. of reinstatements.	No. of suspensions.
G. L. Maryland	85	960	121	86	177	136	1034
G. L. Massachusetts	75	207	12	37	92	47	474
G. L. S. New York	142	378	8	60	157	68	1190
G. L. Pennsylvania	517	4094	425	380	875	378	3564
G. L. Dis. of Columbia	13	80	5	22	24	11	117
G. L. Delaware	26	122	18	13	19	14	7
G. L. Ohio	311	2639	180	599	1110	98	191
G. L. Louisiana	35	242	22	38	136	36	235
G. L. New Jersey	107	355	39	29	60	33	664
G. L. Kentucky	123	325	51	112	242	22	212
G. L. Virginia	112	432	50	85	217	85	155
G. L. Indiana	188	1203	95	306	538	53	331
G. L. Mississippi	55	237	15	77	180	81	216
G. L. Missouri	102	604	129	278	287	57	337
G. L. Illinois	321	2696	162	733	698	65	425
G. L. Alabama	35	130	12	40	92	15	114
G. L. Connecticut	46	85	.....	11	27	15	416
G. L. Texas	61	244	38	95	202	12	95
G. L. South Carolina	25	206	17	47	92	15	188
G. L. Tennessee	100	317	52	127	190	44	185
G. L. North Carolina	43	137	18	21	49	5	86
G. L. Georgia	21	142	12	25	46	18	178
G. L. Maine	30	33	.....	4	8	.....	116
G. L. Rhode Island	14	19	.....	.....	2	3	84
G. L. New Hampshire	28	136	5	11	20	22	233
G. L. Michigan	44	203	26	31	54	15	191
G. L. Wisconsin	93	607	47	175	181	42	244
G. L. Vermont	20	17	.....	6	20	5	91
G. L. Iowa	106	903	92	371	332	28	186
G. L. Arkansas	14	59	9	29	37	1	7
G. L. N. New York	493	799	57	171	331	222	1869
G. L. Florida	9	22	1	5	25	.....	61
G. L. California	70	698	47	342	310	34	276
G. L. Minnesota	7	68	12	35	11	3	3
G. L. Lower Provinces	3	13	.....	.....	2	.....	.....
G. L. Canada West	15	200	23	12	22	7	58
G. L. Oregon*	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sandwich Islands	2	20	1	2	.....	.....	.....
New Mexico	2	7	.....	2	2	1	4
Canada East†	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nebraska Territory	4	51	.....	7	6	.....	1
Washington Territory	1	4	.....	2	2	.....	2
Kansas Territory†	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	3505	19,594	1801	4425	6875	1691	15,440

* Report lost in the steamer Central America. † No report.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1857, *continued.*

LODGES.	No. of expulsions.	No. of deaths.	No. of members.	No. of brothers relieved.	No. of widowed families relieved.	Amount paid for the relief of brothers.
G. L. Maryland.....	26	154	13,146	2422	196	$31,294 30
G. L. Massachusetts....	6	68	5661	390	163	10,224 76
G. L. S. New York.....	7	133	9938	1454	409	31,001 69
G. L. Pennsylvania.....	92	439	46,375	5834	580	86,906 55
G. L. Dis. of Columbia..	1	10	1311	246	34	3,196 00
G. L. Delaware.....	3	21	2059	204	19	3,819 30
G. L. Ohio.....	939	166	21,271	2114	227	21,925 63
G. L. Louisiana.....	45	50	2560	226	58	4,962 74
G. L. New Jersey.....	11	47	5302	554	53	10,771 70
G. L. Kentucky.....	22	48	4852	304	50	5,634 85
G. L. Virginia.....	482	74	6071	723	112	8,997 86
G. L. Indiana.....	38	78	7306	948	53	6,067 00
G. L. Mississippi.....	66	23	1832	97	6	1,724 25
G. L. Missouri.....	24	43	4262	276	66	4,488 86
G. L. Illinois.....	440	104	11,044	630	55	8,160 75
G. L. Alabama.....	14	14	1046	52	20	1,316 70
G. L. Connecticut.....	4	27	2414	257	22	5,791 76
G. L. Texas.....	6	28	1858	92	2	1,227 60
G. L. South Carolina....	11	14	1742	95	61	2,124 68
G. L. Tennessee.....	122	24	3279	.....	.....	2,284 10
G. L. North Carolina....	54	19	1310	109	6	1,042 78
G. L. Georgia.....	6	17	1150	112	7	1,326 00
G. L. Maine.....	4	20	1537	141	20	3,254 95
G. L. Rhode Island.....	3	6	888	72	25	1,913 81
G. L. New Hampshire..	25	14	1927	118	3	2,499 40
G. L. Michigan.....	7	19	1869	78	16	1,098 69
G. L. Wisconsin.....	113	14	2262	186	7	2,547 00
G. L. Vermont.....	3	2	678	19	2	343 50
G. L. Iowa.....	31	23	4401	202	26	1,973 18
G. L. Arkansas.....	3	4	418	.....	.....	.....
G. L. N. New York....	27	59	13,723	853	105	11,590 32
G. L. Florida.....	2	9	253	31	5	829 45
G. L. California.....	12	25	2936	249	.....	6,698 18
G. L. Minnesota.....	22	.....	624	2	.....	134 40
G. L. Lower Provinces..	.....	.....	129	3	1	79 00
G. L. Canada West.....	39	2	738	.....	.....	721 00
G. L. Oregon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sandwich Islands.....	1	.....	69	.....	.....	.....
New Mexico.....	.....	1	34	.....	.....	.....
Canada East.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nebraska Territory.....	.....	1	107	.....	.....	.....
Washington Territory...	.....	1	30	1	.....	.....
Kansas Territory.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	2711	1801	188,712	19,094	2409	$28,7972 74

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1857, *continued.*

LODGES	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.	Amount paid for the education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount of the annual receipts.
G L. Maryland	$16,073 32	$4,452 91	$8,489 26	$87,176 40
G. L. Massachusetts	3,542 59	135 00	2,258 98	27,528 62
G. L. S. New York	7,106 39	621 69	5,481 50	72,929 14
G. L. Pennsylvania	6,845 22	185 46	19,265 38	237,866 83
G. L. Dis. of Columbia	530 75	392 72	417 50	7,806 50
G. L. Delaware	142 00	34 65	922 58	8,211 71
G. L. Ohio	4,079 83	61 06	4,690 94	131,119 29
G. L. Louisiana	3,375 08	160 20	3,151 50	34,576 26
G. L. New Jersey	1,121 25	292 07	1,498 66	33,158 85
G. L. Kentucky	917 35	140 20	2,136 16	32,326 37
G. L. Virginia	3,056 13	1,637 75	2,426 57	25,562 95
G. L. Indiana	520 50	965 00	3,405 00	90,000 00
G. L. Mississippi	229 76	601 03	1,095 00	13,916 88
G. L. Missouri	916 75	1,297 36	8,678 37	37,065 79
G. L. Illinois	1,424 82	129 96	1,935 34	77,006 88
G. L. Alabama	625 00	234 55	473 88	11,545 29
G. L. Connecticut	408 58	42 59	735 00	14,743 18
G. L. Texas	10 00	40 75	652 20	12,357 42
G. L. South Carolina	2,930 00	1,150 10	574 00	14,957 74
G. L. Tennessee	1,045 45	.....	907 35	21,596 18
G. L. North Carolina	65 00	540 00	271 00	8,252 44
G. L. Georgia	310 00	5 00	345 00	7,478 24
G. L. Maine	248 63	.....	399 00	5,426 41
G. L. Rhode Island	845 25	1 92	219 00	5,025 54
G. L. New Hampshire	60 00	.....	575 00	.....
G. L. Michigan	377 88	30 14	316 00	9,264 09
G. L. Wisconsin	186 00	.....	488 00	9,997 85
G. L. Vermont	60 00	4 00	150 00	1,839 56
G. L. Iowa	655 80	20 85	544 00	30,223 47
G. L. Arkansas	.....	.....	.....	2,710 93
G. L. N. New York	2,244 20	189 12	1,781 00	45,300 09
G. L. Florida	.....	35 00	.....	1,960 07
G. L. California	648 58	68 25	1,471 38	76,681 59
G. L. Minnesota	.....	.....	18 00	2,424 49
G. L. Lower Provinces	80 00	.....	.....	562 90
G. L. Canada West	400 00	.....	75 00	460 00
G. L Oregon	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sandwich Islands	.....	.....	.....	1,250 77
New Mexico	.....	.....	.....	1,118 54
Canada East	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nebraska Territory	.....	.....	39 60	1,453 67
Washington Territory	.....	.....	.....	328 10
Kansas Territory	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$61,082 11	$13,469 33	$75,887 15	$1,133,211 03

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June 30, 1857.*

ENCAMPMENTS.	No. of Subordinates.	No. of initiations.	No. of rejections.	No. admitted by card.	No. withdrawn by card.	No. of reinstatements.	No. of suspensions.	No. of expulsions.	No. of deaths.	No. of members.	No. of Patriarchs relieved
G. E Maryland.....	11	77	2	28	11	12	83	3	19	1551	255
G. E. Pennsylvania.....	91	423	4	14	47	9	291	....	61	5542	646
G. E. S. New York.....	13	36	..	16	6	1	48	2	8	502	40
G. E. Ohio.....	66	415	9	38	187	9	10	129	34	4174	356
G. E. New Jersey.....	21	29	1	1	6	..	46	....	2	.....	.....
G. E. Virginia.....	21	51	1	3	16	2	....	30	11	1039	86
G. E. South Carolina...	3	42	..	2	3	4	8	....	....	156	3
G. E. Massachusetts....	16	62	1	2	16	2	92	2	10	871	56
G. E. Kentucky.....	29	74	1	12	19	8	34	....	9	668	40
G. E. Maine.....	10	5	..	....	....	1	....	....	....	204	5
G. E. New Hampshire...	6	13	..	1	5	..	20	2	5	260	18
G. E. Mississippi.....	14	74	..	11	25	1	6	2	7	355	7
G. E. Dis. of Columbia..	4	29	..	3	3	..	34	....	3	300	64
G. E. Tennessee.....	20	61	..	5	10	1	90	6	3	335	9
G. E. North Carolina*...	11	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. Georgia.....	4	25	1	....	1	1	34	....	2	150	9
G. E. Louisiana.....	7	33	..	5	13	9	27	1	7	317	17
G. E. Alabama.....	4	14	1	1	15	..	11	....	3	144	.....
G. E. Indiana.....	53	254	5	33	70	..	16	4	12	1570	130
G. E. Illinois.....	40	299	2	103	58	2	4	22	10	1034	18
G. E. Michigan.....	5	44	2	....	5	..	5	....	2	259	3
G. E. Rhode Island.....	6	7	..	....	....	..	53	....	1	178	9
G. E. Delaware.....	7	11	..	2	2	1	29	2	3	252	27
G. E. Connecticut.....	7	8	..	....	2	..	54	....	3	269	12
G. E. Missouri.....	22	85	3	4	24	8	28	1	3	398	3
G. E. N. New York....	72	85	..	7	21	10	100	1	10	1110	15
G. E. Iowa.....	18	76	2	21	8	..	9	....	1	362	6
G. E. Wisconsin*.....	10	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. California.....	11	87	1	13	25	4	23	3	2	266	11
G, E. Texas.....	14	39	..	7	7	..	....	....	2	265	.....
Arkansas†..... ...	5	20	..	....	....	..	....	....	1	82	.....
Vermont‡.....	3	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	30	.....
Florida*.....	1	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	.....	.....
Minnesota.....	1	8	..	4	2	..	10	....	....	59	.....
New Mexico*.....	1	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	.....	.....
Sandwich Islands.....	1	3	..	....	....	..	....	1	....	30	.....
Low. Provinces B. N. A..	1	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	24	.....
Oregon‖.....	1	....	..	....	....	..	....	....	....	.....	.....
	630	2489	36	336	606	87	1165	210	234	22,756	1845

* No reports. † Only three Encampments reporting. ‡ Only one Encampment reporting. ‖ No report due yet.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June 30, 1857, continued.*

ENCAMPMENTS.	No. of widowed families relieved.	Amount paid for the relief of Patriarchs.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount of the annual receipts.
G. E. Maryland	15	$3,526 50	$1,418 00	$857 00	$8,565 31
G. E. Pennsylvania	18	9,916 42	295 50	2,944 25	13,156 17
G. E. S. New York	3	536 50	85 00	185 00	2,243 45
G. E. Ohio	2	5,330 75	25 00	382 00	18,327 52
G. E. New Jersey	....	.....	.....	.....	819 86
G. E. Virginia	4	966 00	139 75	30 00	2,732 65
G. E. South Carolina	2	31 00	30 00	.....	925 44
G. E. Massachusetts	....	1,166 72	.....	120 00	3,310 65
G. E. Kentucky	....	623 00	.....	126 50	2,406 79
G. E. Maine	....	62 00	.....	.....	.....
G. E. New Hampshire	3	123 00	50 00	.....	403 79
G. E. Mississippi	....	81 00	.....	30 00	2,815 60
G. E. Dis. of Columbia	1	699 00	15 00	90 00	427 19
G. E. Tennessee	....	.....	10 00	.....	2,485 65
G. E. North Carolina	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Georgia	....	42 00	.....	15 00	445 18
G. E. Louisiana	....	234 00	.....	145 00	1,912 80
G. E. Alabama	....	.....	.....	.....	678 86
G. E. Indiana	2	1,697 62	30 00	235 00	8,700 00
G. E. Illinois	2	176 00	26 00	55 00	4,983 24
G. E. Michigan	1	69 80	10 00	.....	763 92
G. E. Rhode Island	....	147 01	.....	.....	611 45
G. E. Delaware	....	255 00	.....	125 00	818 66
G. E. Connecticut	....	202 00	.....	.....	591 32
G. E. Missouri	....	41 00	.....	.....	1,827 70
G. E. N. New York	1	259 75	40 00	116 30	2,891 92
G. E. Iowa	1	39 00	20 00	.....	1,636 69
G. E. Wisconsin	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. California	....	165 00	.....	.....	6,034 40
G. E. Texas	....	.....	.....	.....	1,014 94
Arkansas	....	.....	.....	.....	975 25
Vermont	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Florida	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Minnesota	....	.....	.....	.....	254 02
New Mexico	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sandwich Islands	....	.....	.....	.....	181 62
Lower Provinces B. N. A.	....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Oregon	....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	55	$26,390 07	$2,194 25	$5,456 65	$92,976 04

The hour fixed for recess (twelve o'clock) having arrived, the Lodge receded from business for thirty minutes.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled, pursuant to the order for recess.

Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report that the Grand Encampment of New Jersey has settled her account with this Grand Body. We therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That Representative Isaac M. Tucker be admitted to his seat.

SAMUEL L. ADAMS,
JAMES PHELPS,
EDWARD MITCHELL,
R. S. CALDWELL,
SAMUEL B. KROGMAN.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Wayne Lodge, No. 2, against the decision of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, respectfully report:

That in this case brother John H. Taylor was elected Noble Grand of the Lodge in June, 1855, and continued to fill the office until October 5th; he after that time absented himself from the Lodge until the term for which he was elected had expired. On the 2d of November (the fourth meeting after his absence commenced) the Lodge declared his seat vacant, and at the succeeding meeting filled the vacancy by the election of a qualified brother thereto. At the close of the term Wayne Lodge granted the certificate of service to brother James H. Reid, who had filled the vacancy. Brother Taylor also applied to the Lodge for a Past Grand's certificate, which, of course, the Lodge refused. On that act brother Taylor took an appeal to the Grand Lodge of Michigan, a committee of which body reported against him, but the Grand Lodge non-concurred in the report. From that decision the appeal is made.

The only pretence set up by brother Taylor in support of his claim to the honor of the office was that he held a visiting card from the Lodge, which did not expire until after the end of the term for which he was installed.

Your committee do not regard the holding of a visiting card any excuse or justification for the absence of an officer of a Lodge. Cards are frequently granted to brothers who have not occasion to use them, but are obtained to be used in case the brother should suddenly

be called from home. The granting of a visiting card by a Lodge is a matter of course to a brother in good standing, and never involves the question of leave of absence.

It is not pretended that the Lodge directly granted leave of absence to the brother; and, indeed, had that been done, under the decision of this Grand Lodge, (see Journal, 1856,) the duration of his absence would have worked a liability for vacancy. The General Laws of the Grand Lodge of Michigan have made ample provision for meeting cases of the kind; and this Grand Lodge has recognised, by repeated decisions, the power and right of a Lodge to enforce it. Wayne Lodge did no more than she was authorized by law to do; and which, for the effective working of a Lodge, it was in duty bound to perform.

Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of Wayne Lodge, No. 2, in the case of Bro. John H. Taylor, be and the same is confirmed, and the proceeedings of the Grand Lodge of Michigan in relation thereto be reversed.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
THOMAS SHACKELFORD,
WILLIAM THAYER,
HENRY E. LOCKETT,
GEORGE W. ADAMS.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals submit the following, on the appeal of P. G. Daniel McLaren against the action of the Grand Lodge of California:

In this case the Grand Lodge sustained the decision of a D. D. G. Master, in approving of the action of the Noble Grand of Sacramento Lodge, No. 2, in declaring certain resolutions submitted in that Lodge "not within the jurisdiction of the Lodge."

It appears that a person had been admitted to membership in El Dorado Lodge, No. 8, whose private character had previously been seriously blemished, and that an apprehension existed that the reputation of the Order would suffer from his connection with it. Resolutions were therefore submitted, requesting the objectionable person not to visit Sacramento Lodge, nor appear in any public procession with it; and also requesting the Lodge of which he was a member not to appoint him on any committee to confer with a committee of Sacramento Lodge. The Noble Grand made his decision on the question of considering these resolutions.

Your committee are of opinion that it is not within the jurisdiction of one Lodge to try the members of another, much less to declare a sentence of exclusion without trial. They fully concur in the opinion of the committee of the Grand Lodge of California that the only proper course for a Lodge or member to pursue in cases where members of

other Lodges are regarded unworthy is to prefer charges against them, in pursuance of the well established laws of the Order. Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge of California in sustaining the decision of D. D. G. M. David Kendall be and the same is hereby approved.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
GEO. W. ADAMS,
WILLIAM THAYER,
THOS. SHACKELFORD,
HENRY E. LOCKETT.

The hour having arrived fixed for allowing the Committee of the Whole to sit again, the Lodge resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole—

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, in the chair.

After several hours passed in deliberation, the committee rose, and by their chairman, Rep. Askew, of Delaware, submitted the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of the Whole have had various matters before them for consideration in reference to the finances of this Grand Lodge, and have instructed me to report, as the result of their deliberations, a recommendation to the Grand Lodge to adopt an amendment to the Constitution proposed at the last session, and to be found on page 2661 of the Journal, in the following words:

Amend article fourteen of the Constitution by striking out the word "fifty" and inserting "seventy-five."

H. F. ASKEW, *Chairman.*

On motion of Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, to receive the report of the committee, it was agreed to; on his further motion, to adopt the amendment to the Constitution recommended by the Committee of the Whole, it was resolved in the negative, the yeas and nays being as follows:

YEAS.—Adams, of Georgia, Adams, of Kentucky, Armstrong, Bailey, Blake, Boylston, Burbank, Caldwell, Cassedy, (2 votes,) Clark, Conley, Cornwell, Craighead, Crickard, Davis, Dearborn, Earl, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, Foster, Garrett, Gilmore, (2 votes,) Gorham, (2 votes,) Harper, Hansford, Heaton, Heisey, (2 votes,) Herndon, Hoke, Horner, Ilsley, Jones, Kellogg, Kidder, Krogman, Latham, Lawrence, Lockett, McAuley, Mitchell, Moore, Patten, Parker, Peers, Prall, Pruett, Rand, E. C. Robinson, Robinson, of California, Schlig, Starr, Stetson, Taylor, Thayer, Terry, Tucker, of Massachusetts, Tucker, of New Jersey, Verner, Veitch, Washburn, (2 votes,) Willard, Wilcox, (2 votes.) Wolford, Woolsey, Yale—71.

NAYS.—Askew, Barber, Barry, Clayton, Eckel, (2 votes,) Edwards, Ellis, Fuller, Gerrish, Glenn, (2 votes,) Hodgson, Kaler, Kennedy, Langdon, Marley, Prime, Rich, J. H. Robinson, Shackelford, Stockbridge, Stuart, Vansant, Webb, Wilkinson—26.

Rep. Shackelford, of Mississippi, seconded by Rep. Barber, of the same jurisdiction, moved a reconsideration of the vote just had, reject

ing the amendment to the Constitution recommended by the Committee of the Whole, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question now being upon the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Constitution as recommended by the report of the Committee of the Whole, it was agreed to, three-fourths of the members present having voted in the affirmative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Adams, of Georgia, Adams, of Kentucky, Armstrong, Bailey, Barber, Blake, Boylston, Burbank, Caldwell, Cassedy, (2 votes,) Clark, Conley, Cornwell, Craighead, Crickard, Davis, Dearborn, Earl, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, Foster, Garrett, Gilmore, (2 votes,) Gorham, (2 votes,) Harper, Hansford, Heaton, Heisey, Herndon, Hoke, Horner, Ilsley, Jones, Kellogg, Kidder, Krogman, Latham, Lawrence, Lockett, McAuley, Mitchell, Moore, Patten, Parker, Pope, Prall, Pruett, Rand, E. C. Robinson, Robinson, of California, Schlig, Shackleford, Starr, Stetson, Taylor, Thayer, Terry, Tucker, of Massachusetts, Tucker, of New Jersey, Verner, Veitch, (2 votes,) Washburn, (2 votes,) Willard, Wilcox, (2 votes,) Wolford, Woolsey, Yale—73.

NAYS.—Askew, Barry, Clayton, Eckel, (2 votes,) Edwards, Ellis, Fuller, Gerrish, Glenn, (2 votes,) Hodgson, Kaler, Kennedy, Landon, Marley, Prime, Rich, J. H. Robinson, Stockbridge, Stuart, Vansant, Webb, Wilkinson—24.

The question now recurring on the report of the Committee on Finance, with the amendment thereto pending, moved by Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia—

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, moved to lay the same on the table; which was resolved in the negative.

On motion of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, the report and pending amendment thereto were committed to the Committee on Finance, with instructions to report in conformity with the legislation had upon the subject.

Rep. Fuller, of Lower Provinces of British North America, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, with accompanying resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, (the Lodge rising when the question was taken:)

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed to take into consideration that portion of the report of our R. W. Grand Secretary which refers to the melancholy death of our distinguished brother, P. G. James MacLaren, late D. D. Grand Sire for the jurisdiction of Lower Canada, who, with many others, was hurried into eternity by the terrible accident which occurred to the steamer Montreal a few weeks since, having considered the subject, beg leave to report:

Every year we are admonished that none are exempt from the decrees of an All-Wise Providence—every year shows us that in the midst of life we are in death.

All who had the pleasure of an acquaintance with our late brother must sincerely and deeply deplore the loss our whole Brotherhood has ustained. By this dispensation the community in which he resided have lost a valuable and philanthropic citizen, a substantial friend, one who by his manly and honorable bearing had secured to himself the good wishes of his fellow-men.

Bro. MacLaren was thoroughly imbued with the principles of our institution, ever ready to illustrate them, and ever working for their advancement.

To the feelings of the *true Odd-Fellow* there is balm in the reflection that of the brother dead no human being was an enemy; he did not leave the earth without drawing a sigh of sincere regret from *all* who had observed him living; and one of our brightest earthly hopes, one of the few soul-satisfying consolations we can enjoy, is the assurance that we may rejoin such friends beyond the regions of sorrow and disappointment.

Our purpose is to record a tribute to his memory, and to that end we beg to submit the subjoined resolutions, viz.

WHEREAS it has pleased Divine Providence to remove by death Bro. James MacLaren, late D. D. Grand Sire for the Province of Lower Canada: therefore

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge, while they most deeply deplore the loss which has been sustained by our whole Brotherhood in the death of one who, by his private virtues and marked ability, had distinguished himself in the faithful discharge of his duties, most especially do they extend their heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased.

Resolved, That, in testimony of our respect and sympathy, these resolutions be spread upon the Journals of this body, and a copy of the same be transmitted to the family and friends of the deceased.

E. G. FULLER,
DANIEL WASHBURN,
WM. J. HOKE.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, of Maryland, *vs.* the Grand Lodge of said State, respectfully report:

That, from an examination of the various papers presented to them, it appears that the case originated in a claim made to Gratitude Lodge, by Bishop Cooper, one of the children of Bro. James Cooper, in behalf of himself and other children of the said deceased.

It appears that Bro. Cooper had been for a number of years a member in good standing in Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, but between April 16, 1855, and June 23, 1856, a period of fifteen months, he had allowed his arrears to accumulate to an amount disqualifying him altogether from benefits. On June 23, 1856, he made a payment which placed him in advance of the *regular weekly dues*, though not in advance of or in fact liquidating all amounts standing to his debit; but according to the General Laws for the government of Subordinate Lodges in the jurisdiction of Maryland, section two, article ten, there was an amount of four dollars and sixty cents included in the debit balance, which was not really due, a period of six months being allowed before charges for funeral assessments, extra tax, &c. could be regarded *as dues* to the disqualifying of a member from receiving his benefits. On

the 7th July, 1856, he paid the whole amount of his debt, and again on the 29th September, 1856, in like manner liquidated all claims the Lodge had against him. On the 6th October, 1856, Bro. Cooper was reported sick, and for three weeks thereafter received the regular weekly benefits, when they were stopped, the Lodge concluding they had been erroneously paid, and on the 17th November, 1856, declared him not entitled to benefits. The basis of their action was the statement of his arrears, but especially the fact, as inferred by the committee of the Lodge, that at the time Bro. Cooper settled his arrears he was sick, and therefore not entitled to benefits, their conclusion being adduced from the several actions of this Grand Body, the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and other jurisdictions, depriving brothers of benefits who, being in arrears, pay up the same at the period they are taken sick. The testimony produced to prove the sickness of Bro. Cooper at the time of his settlement of his arrears was chiefly that of his physician, who testified to his attendance some eight months prior to his decease, and that his opinion was that his disease was in his system about a year before, though he had not regarded him as a man so afflicted as to prevent attendance on ordinary business, but as one who, laboring under peculiar disease which would eventually terminate life, was not, in the common use of the term, considered by his fellows a sick man. The action of the Lodge was finally made on November 17, 1856, and the 24th of the same month, Bro. Cooper was reported deceased. Subsequent to his decease a claim is made on the Lodge, in behalf of his children; but, on the ground that the Lodge refused the weekly benefits to Bro. Cooper, the benefits were also refused them. This action of the Subordinate was reversed by the Grand Lodge of the State, and the appeal is against the said decision.

The above is a succinct statement of the facts of the case, as deduced by your committee from the documents before them, and the points evolved for their consideration and decision are as follows:

First. What is the meaning of the term sickness, to entitle a member to the benefits provided by the laws of this Lodge?

Second. Was Bro. Cooper sick within the meaning and intent of the law at the time he liquidated his arrears?

Third. Was he in arrears at the time of his decease?

The first point your committee think is settled by the general language used in reference thereto—in the rules and regulations of the Lodges in the different jurisdictions, and in those of the proceedings and enactments of this body; that the term sickness implies that state of health which prevents one from attending to his ordinary vocation. Any other construction than this, it is apparent, would involve continued litigation, as it would be impossible to determine when a brother is entitled to benefits; and with this view your committee answer the second point, and are of opinion that Bro. Cooper was not sick, within the meaning of the law, at the time he paid his arrears; for it is evident he was not reported to the Lodge until some time after the settlement of his dues, and the collateral facts produced about his sickness prior to the time of the payment thereof are by no means

conclusive or satisfactory. The third point requires but reference to the statement of the brother's account for a conclusion, and from the same it is apparent that he owed but a portion of a quarter's dues at the time of his decease, and did not come under the rule disqualifying him from benefits. With these views, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge of Maryland in the case of Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, be sustained.

WILLIAM THAYER,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
GEO. W. ADAMS,
THOS. SHACKELFORD,
HENRY E. LOCKETT.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the complaint of Bro. William R. Craig, of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, against certain proceedings of said Lodge in relation to him, respectfully report that the brother represents that certain charges were preferred against him in the Lodge by a brother from a Lodge in the State of Missouri; that the Lodge has taken action on the charges; that he is informed he has been expelled by the Lodge, that he applied to the officers of the Lodge for a copy of their action, and that he has been refused such facilities for bringing an appeal in a formal manner before this Grand Lodge which as a member of a Lodge directly subordinate to this Grand Lodge he is entitled to.

Your committee ask that the case of Bro. Craig be referred to the next session of this Grand Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary direct abstracts of all proceedings of Nebraska Lodge having relevance to the brother in question to be laid before the Grand Lodge at that time.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
THOMAS SHACKELFORD,
WILLIAM THAYER,
GEORGE W. ADAMS,
HENRY E. LOCKETT.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred so much of the report of the Grand Sire as embraces his decisions during the recess, ask leave to report that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend their approval and confirmation, as in conformity

with law, except the seventh decision, (page 2700.) As to this ruling the committee reserve their decision, the same subject-matter being now under consideration by the Legislative Committee, under consultation with this committee.

R. B. BOYLSTON,
H. F. ASKEW,
S. CRAIGHEAD,
GEO. W. CASSEDY,
FRED. D. STUART.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred a resolution of inquiry, (Journal, page 2732,) "Is a brother eligible to be *a candidate* for the office of Grand Representative without being in possession of the Royal Purple Degree?" ask leave to report—

That they are decidedly of opinion that the candidate should possess *all* the qualifications prescribed by the constitution *at the time of his election*. The committee unanimously answer the inquiry in the negative.

R. B. BOYLSTON,
H. F. ASKEW,
S. CRAIGHEAD,
GEO. W. CASSEDY,
F. D. STUART.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred a resolution of inquiry, (Journal, page 2729,) "whether it is competent for a State Grand Lodge to change the terms of Subordinate Lodges in its jurisdiction, so as to begin and end at periods different from those established by this Grand Body," ask leave to report—

That, by reference to the Digest, (page 349, section 2, page 421, sections 6, 9, 11,) it appears that the terms of Subordinate Lodges, as well as the *official* terms of officers of Subordinate Lodges, are designed to be *fixed* as to the commencement and ending of the terms, and *uniform* as to their operation in the whole Order, and cannot be departed from by any State jurisdiction without a violation of the laws of this Grand Body. The committee answer the inquiry in the negative.

R. B. BOYLSTON,
H. F. ASKEW,
S. CRAIGHEAD,
GEORGE W. CASSEDY,
F. D. STUART.

Rep. Prall, of Northern New York, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

Amend article ten of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge by adding at the end of said article as follows: "Past Deputy Grand Sires shall also be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge."

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, laid upon the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

Amend section five of article three so as to read as follows: "The elective officers shall have the power of debating and making motions, but shall not have the privilege of voting unless they be Grand Representatives. The appointed officers, unless they be Representatives, shall not be allowed to take part in the proceedings and debates of the Grand Lodge except by a vote of the majority thereof."

Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, laid upon the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

The undersigned, in order that the officers of this Grand Lodge shall be installed into their respective offices at the communication at which they are elected, submit the following amendment to section one of article three of the Constitution, viz.

Strike out the last line of said section, which is in the following words: "First day of the stated communication next ensuing their election," and in lieu thereof insert the following words, to wit: "*Last day of the stated communication at which they are elected.*"

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the per diem of the members of this Grand Lodge shall be three dollars per day, and the mileage computed at four cents per mile.

Pending the consideration of which, the hour fixed for adjournment, viz. 3½ o'clock, having arrived, the chair declared the Lodge adjourn-de to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present, all the Grand Officers and a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. James D. McCabe, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of California, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee have had under consideration the resolution emanating from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, on the subject of the right of suffrage in Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, so far as voting for Grand Officers is concerned, and respectfully report—

That whatever power this Grand Body may have over the subject is conferred upon it by the constitution. This committee does not feel called upon to decide the extent of power possessed by this Grand Body, as the duty of construing the law appropriately belongs to an-

other of its committees. Besides this, no reason is given for the proposed change, and no evil is shown to exist in consequence of present regulations. Your committee therefore recommend that it is inexpedient to legislate on the subject.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
E. H. BARRY,
S. H. PARKER,
JOSHUA VANSANT,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom the resolution of Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, in relation to seals has been referred, in accordance with a report of the Committee on the State of the Order made at the present session, beg leave to report that in the opinion of this committee there is great propriety in adopting a regulation as to the manner in which seals shall be affixed to documents they authenticate. The facility with which a printed seal or representation of a seal can be obtained and attached to a document gives opportunities for its improper use that ought to be avoided. The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, The the seal of a Lodge or Encampment to be authentic must be impressed upon the paper or instrument it authenticates, or upon wax or wafer or some other tenacious substance capable of being impressed, attached to the paper or document.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
E. H. BARRY,
S. H. PARKER,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE,
JOSHUA VANSANT.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom the resolution of Rep. Webb, of Texas, in relation to extending the privileges of the degree of Rebekah to the widows, daughters, and sisters of brothers having this degree, was referred, beg leave to report that they have considered the subject, and recommend that it is inexpedient to legislate further on the subject. They also ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
E. H. BARRY,
S. H. PARKER,
JOSHUA VANSANT,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom the resolution of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, in relation to balloting for conferring degrees, has been referred, beg leave to report—

That they have considered the subject. Existing legislation, in the opinion of your committee, clearly establishes that the time, place, and manner of conferring degrees are proper subjects of local legislation; provided that all applications for degrees shall be made in the Lodge when opened in the initiatory degree, shall be balloted for when the Lodge is working in the degree applied for, and proceedings of the same are kept in a separate record book.

No further legislation is deemed to be necessary.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
E. H. BARRY,
S. H. PARKER,
JOSHUA VANSANT,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee have considered the resolution offered by Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, and recommend its adoption. It is in the following words:

Resolved, That, immediately after the election of a Grand Representative, it shall be the duty of the Grand Scribe or Grand Secretary of the body which he is to represent, to forward to the R. W. Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge such Representative's certificate of election, and to furnish him with a duplicate thereof.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
E. H. BARRY,
S. H. PARKER,
JOSHUA VANSANT,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the amendments to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, which were referred to them, and respectfully recommend that, with the following corrections or additions, the said amendments be approved:

1. Amendment to article one, section one: After the word "Representatives" add the words "*being Past Grands.*"

2. Amendment to article three, section two: Strike out the last sentence of the amendment, and insert "In the absence of the Grand Master the Deputy Grand Master, and in his absence also the Grand Warden shall preside; and in the absence of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Warden, any Past Grand Master who may be called to the chair by a majority of the members present shall preside."

3. Amendment to article four, section seven: Strike out the words "*or District Grand Committee.*"

F. A. ELLIS,
J. E. STARR,
W. K. EDWARDS,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JAMES B. KELLOGG.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions respectfully report that they have carefully examined the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, and find it to be in harmony with the constitution and laws of this Grand Lodge. They therefore respectfully recommend its approval.

F. A. ELLIS,
J. E. STARR,
W. K. EDWARDS,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JAMES B. KELLOGG.

Rep. Prall, of Northern New York, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the returns of the Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, beg leave to report, in part, that they have examined the annual reports of the Grand Encampments presented them, and report them correct, as follows: Alabama, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Northern New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Southern New York, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia—28.

No reports received from the Grand Encampments of North Carolina and Wisconsin.

W. H. H. PRALL,
J. H. ROBINSON,
WILLIAM GARRETT,
RICHARD MARLEY.

Rep. Prall, of Northern New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the returns of the several Grand and Subordinate Bodies under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, beg leave to report, in part, that they have examined the annual reports of the subjoined Grand Lodges, with the following results:

Correct: Alabama, Arkansas, Canada West, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Northern New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Southern New York, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, and Wisconsin—34.

Incorrect: Florida, deficient in signature of Grand Master, which the Grand Secretary certifies to be owing to the absence of that officer, and seal of Grand Lodge, which has been lost or mislaid for some months past; Lower Provinces of British North America, deficient in seal of Grand Lodge—2.

No report has been received from the Grand Lodge of Oregon. The committee, however, learn from the Grand Representative of that jurisdiction that the same has been forwarded, but lost by the recent deplorable shipwreck of the Central America.

W. H. H. PRALL,
J. H. ROBINSON,
WILLIAM GARRETT,
RICHARD MARLEY.

The Chair named Rep. Rich, of District of Columbia, on the Committee on Correspondence, vice Rep. Hall, resigned.

Rep. Eckel, of Delaware, submitted the following queries, which were referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

1. Can a Subordinate Lodge retain its charter and continue working after it has failed, from an exhausted treasury, to pay the weekly benefits to its sick members who may be entitled to them?
2. Is it competent for a State Grand Lodge or Grand Master to grant a dispensation to a Subordinate Lodge to enable it to suspend the payment of its weekly benefits?

Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, submitted the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Has a Subordinate Lodge the right to make investments of its funds other than by a two-thirds vote?

Rep. Robinson, of California, submitted the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Can a brother who has applied for membership by card, in an Encampment or Lodge, be considered a member thereof before he has been introduced and signed the constitution and by-laws, or is he a member and subject to dues from the date of his election?

Rep. Prime, of Maine, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented with pleasure report that Representatives are present from the entire jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge; that all the members of this R. W. Grand Lodge are present but five, one of that number being in the city, but detained at his room on account of sickness. All of which is most respectfully submitted.

MARK PRIME,
SAMUEL B. KROGMAN,
JASON STOCKBRIDGE,
JOHN WALLACE.

Rep. Krogman, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to present one blank copy of the Grand Lodge diploma to each Grand Representative who has not previously received one from the Grand Lodge, and on Friday next, at three o'clock, the Grand Lodge will take a recess of one hour for the purpose of enabling the members to procure the signatures of the Officers and Representatives.

Resolved, further, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to present one copy of the bound Journals and Digest of the Laws and proceedings of the Grand Lodge to each Grand Representative who has not previously received one from the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, moved to amend the first resolution by striking out 3 o'clock and inserting 1 o'clock.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, moved to amend the amendment by striking out 1 o'clock and inserting 12 o'clock; which was agreed to.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Farnsworth as amended, it was agreed to.

The question being on the resolution as amended—

Rep. Porter, of Rhode Island, moved further to amend as follows:

That the Secretary be directed to furnish to each Grand Body in this jurisdiction one copy of the bound proceedings and also one copy of the bound Digest

Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, moved the previous question. The main question was ordered, and was put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. Porter, of Rhode Island?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Krogman, of Massachusetts, as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS it is important to the good government and peace of this Grand Lodge that we should understand the law and amount of law, and where that law is to be found, which defines the rights and privileges of its members: Therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge reaffirm the action of former sessions of this body, found on pages 1492, 1777, and 1785.

On motion of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, the resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which lies on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. A. J. Russell, from the action of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, respectfully report—

That in this case it appears that Howard Lodge, No. 3, made a donation to a brother of the Lodge, who was at the time in such a state of health as to require him, under the advisement of his physician, to travel to foreign parts as the only means of renovation. The brother was in arrears to the Lodge, and not entitled to benefits when his application for relief was first presented, subsequently his arrears were paid up, but he was not thereby restored to benefits. The Lodge therefore, as a charity, made the donation to the brother. Against this action P. G. Wolff appealed to the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

The Grand Lodge, on the consideration of the question, adopted a resolution asserting "that donations to members of a Lodge are not within the scope or principle of Odd-Fellowship as organized in the United States of America, but that such donations may be made upon dispensation therefor granted by the Grand Lodge of a State or the Grand Master during a vacation." The appeal is against the doctrine of this resolution.

Your committee regard a wise and prudent dispensation of donations an integral portion of the objects of the Order, one on which much of its reputation for beneficence has been erected, and one the destruction of which would carry with it the whole claim the Order has to be regarded an institution devoted to charitable purposes.

The reversionary interest a Grand Lodge holds in the funds of its Subordinates gives it an undoubted right to limit their expenses to purposes within the Order, and with propriety may inhibit a division of the funds or other property among the members of a Lodge; but it would be inconsistent with the recognised rights of Lodges to subject their acts of charity in the Order to the ordeal of approval by the Grand Lodge in session or the "Grand Master during a vacation." Indeed, to subject Lodges to such inconvenience and delay would, in most cases, defeat the design the Lodge may have in bestowing its charity, viz. to render speedy relief to a needy or distressed brother. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the decision of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, in the matter of appeal by P. G. Julius M. Wolff from the action of Howard Lodge, No. 3, be and the same is hereby reversed.

J. A. KENNEDY,
GEORGE W. ADAMS,
WILLIAM THAYER,
HENRY E. LOCKETT,
THOMAS SHACKELFORD.

Rep. Washburn, of Pennsylvania, laid on the table the following amendment to the tenth article of the constitution:

Acting Grand Masters and acting Grand Patriarchs, having received the requisite degrees, and attending without expense to the Grand Lodge, shall be privileged to be present at instruction in the secret work.

On motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, the Lodge agreed to take up the reports of Standing Committees in the order in which they are found on the printed Journal.

The first report, being from the Legislative Committee, (page 2736.) in relation to the reconsideration of a ballot for a rejected candidate, was considered.

Rep. Webb, of Texas, moved to recommit the report to the Legislative Committee, with instructions to report as follows, which was adopted:

Resolved, That where all the brothers who may cast black balls against an applicant for membership voluntarily make a motion for a reconsideration of the ballot, the same may be reconsidered, and in such case the vote on the reconsideration shall be taken by ball ballots, and if all the balls cast be in favor of it, the reconsideration shall be had; whereupon the application shall lie over till the succeeding meeting, when another ballot shall be had with ball ballots, and if the same be unanimously in favor of the applicant, he shall thereby be elected; but if one or more black balls appear in either ballot the applicant shall be rejected, and in no case shall a reconsideration be had except upon the voluntary motion of all those who cast the black balls, and never more than one motion for a reconsideration in the same case shall be allowed.

The next report, from the same committee, (page 2736) in relation to the reinstatement of members suspended indefinitely for non-payment of dues, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, (page 2737) "upon the resolution of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, for the establishment of official honors in the Patriarchal branch of the Order," was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, same page, on the resolution of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, instructing the committee "to report a plan for readmission of members who may have resigned without taking cards," was considered and adopted.

The next report, on same page, and from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. Heaton, of California, relating to "the expediency of authorizing Lodges to refuse admittance to visiting members under certain circumstances," was considered.

Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, moved that the report be recommitted to the committee, with instructions to report a law in conformity with the resolution of Rep. Heaton, of California, (page 2730.)

Rep. Craighead, of Ohio, moved to amend the motion, as follows:

Resolved, That the report be recommitted with instructions to report that no legislation upon the subject is necessary, Subordinate Lodges having the inherent right and power to protect themselves against the evils complained of in the resolution of Rep. Heaton, of California.

Rep. Earl, of Ohio, moved the previous question. The main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment offered by Rep. Craighead, of Ohio?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question now being on the amendment offered by Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on adopting the report and resolution of the committee, it was resolved in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Cornwell, of Northern New York, the report was recommitted to the committee.

The next report, being from the same committee, (page 2738) upon the resolution of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, in relation to the introduction of a law "providing facilities for the obtaining by Subordinate Lodges or Encampments of the testimony of non-resident or absent witnesses," was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, same page, upon the resolution of Rep. Patten, of Georgia, upon the subject of a form of card for readmission of members of defunct Lodges into the Order, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2739) from the Committee on Constitutions, on the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, also the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Florida, also on the amended constitution of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, the report was ordered to lie on the table.

The next report, from the same committee, (page 2740) on the constitution of Excelsior Encampment, of Vermont, and the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, was considered and adopted.

The next report, on same page, from the Committee on Printing, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2744) being from the Committee on Finance, upon the resolution of Rep. Prime, of Maine, (page 2727) was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, also the amended constitution of the Grand Encampment of Illinois, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2748) from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the resolution from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, (page 2724) was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Petitions, (page 2749) confirming the warrants granted for the institution of Lodges and Encampments during the recess, was considered and adopted.

The hour fixed for recess (twelve o'clock) having arrived, the Lodge receded from business for thirty minutes.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled, pursuant to the order for recess.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the reports of Standing Committees.

Rep. Parker, of California, moved that the special order be discharged, to enable the special committee on the proposed amendments to the constitution submitted by Rep. Dwinelle, of California, and Rep. Starr, of Illinois, at the last session, in relation to suspended members, to report, which was agreed to.

At this stage of the proceedings, by unanimous consent—

Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That leave of absence for the remainder of the session be granted to Rep. J. Crickard, of Louisiana, he having been called home by very urgent business.

Also the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That so much of the document from Crescent Lodge, No. 8, as instructs its Representative in this Grand Lodge to urge upon this Body the propriety of instructing its Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States to move for the passage of a law by which the visits of brethren from sister Lodges in the form *prescribed* may be legalized, be received and referred to our Grand Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The portion of the document alluded to in the foregoing resolution is precisely the same as written above, say from the words *to urge*, in the fourth line, down to the words may be legalized, (inclusive,) in the seventh line.

The object is explained thus: Crescent Lodge appeared at the door of Hope Lodge on a certain evening and desired to be admitted in a body, and that the usual mode of working in should be dispensed with for the occasion. The Noble Grand of Hope Lodge, doubtful of the propriety of admitting said brothers in the manner proposed, asked for instructions from the Grand Master, who was present, and who decided that there was a prescribed form for getting into a Lodge, and that that form must be observed. This being the answer, the brothers of Crescent Lodge retired without paying the contemplated visit. Subsequently they brought up this in Crescent Lodge in the shape of an appeal from the decision of the Grand Master, and urged that the Grand Master was justified neither in law or propriety in rendering such a decision. This appeal was referred to the proper committee, who submitted a report dismissing the appeal and sustaining the decision, quoting several laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and showing conclusively that in the proper discharge of his duty the Grand Master was compelled to decide as he had. The report was unanimously adopted.

The law as it now stands forbids the admission of members in any other way than by giving the pass-word and coming in singly; but if a *special law* could be passed giving the privilege to Lodges, or a body of members, who desire extending fraternal civilities, without going through the forms now required, it would be a harmless innovation and might be productive of considerable good.

These being the views of the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge, when the subject was under consideration, led to the unanimous adoption of the foregoing resolution.

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be instructed to take into consideration the subject of permitting Lodges visiting sister Lodges in a body within the same jurisdiction.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, laid on the table the

following amendment to the twenty-sixth article of the by-laws, which lies on the table for one day:

Strike out the entire article and insert the following: "The fiscal year of this Grand Lodge shall commence on the first day of January and terminate on the thirty-first of December."

Rep. Robinson, of California, submitted the following communication from the Grand Master of California, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

1. If a brother who is not entitled to the semi-annual pass-word, and obtains it in an improper manner, and then becomes sick, and applies to another Lodge for benefits, and he by giving the semi-annual pass-word obtains relief, is the Lodge of which he is a member responsible to the Lodge paying the benefits, or not?
2. Is it proper for a Noble Grand of any Lodge to give the semi-annual pass-word to a brother upon a written request of the Noble Grand, under seal of the Lodge of which said brother is a member? or does the O.B.N. taken by the Noble Grand at installation forbid it?

Rep. Horner, of Arkansas, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was resolved in the negative:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will hold a session this evening at 7½ o'clock.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, laid on the table the following amendment to the fourteenth rule of order:

"When a question is before the Lodge, no motion shall be received unless it be to adjourn; to lay on the table; for the previous question; to refer; to postpone indefinitely; to postpone to a certain time; to *recommit;* or to amend,—which motions shall take precedence in the order here arranged—the first three shall be decided without debate."

Also the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to report upon the subject of the power of a Supporter of the Noble Grand, while temporarily occupying his chair, as to receiving, stating, and putting questions and deciding questions of order.

Rep. Hunt, of Texas, moved the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the per diem for this session of the Grand Lodge of the United States be three dollars.

Resolved, That the mileage of members for this session be rated at five cents per mile; and that the same be calculated upon the nearest mail route, unless it may appear to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem that there is a nearer traveled route than the mail route, in which case the traveled route takes precedence.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will adjourn *sine die* on Saturday, 26th inst., at 3½ o'clock P. M.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved to amend the second resolution by striking out "five cents" and inserting "four cents."

Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, moved the previous question. The main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the

amendment of Rep. Conley, of Georgia?" It was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Askew, Bailey, Barber, Barry, Blake, Boylston, Clark, Clayton, Conley, Eckel, (two votes,) Edwards, Ellis, Glenn, (two votes,) Harper, Hodgson, Kennedy, Krogman, Langdon, Latham, Marley, Mitchell, Patten, Porter, Rand, Rich, J. H. Robinson, Stockbridge, Stuart, Taylor, Thayer, Tucker, of Massachusetts, Vansant, Veitch, (two votes,) Wilkinson, Woolsey —38.

NAYS.—Adams, of Georgia, Adams, of Kentucky, Armstrong, Burbank, Caldwell, Cassedy, (two votes,) Cornwell, Craighead, Dearborn, Earl, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, (two votes,) Garrett, Gerrish, Gorham, (two votes,) Hansford, Heaton, Heisey, Herndon, Hoke, Horner, Hunt, Ilsley, Jones, Kaler, Kellogg, Kidder, Lawrence, Lockett, McAuley, Moore, Parker, Pope, Prall, Pruett, Prime, Robinson, of California, Schlig, Shackelford, Starr, Stetson, Terry, Tucker, of New Jersey, Verner, (two votes,) Wallace, Washburn, (two votes,) Webb, Willard, Wilcox, (two votes,) Wolford, Woodbridge, Yale—58.

The question recurring on the resolutions of Rep. Hunt, of Texas, they were adopted.

Rep. Woodbridge, of Vermont, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred the several amendments to the constitution proposed at the last session of this Grand Body, by Reps. Dwinelle and Parker, of California, and Rep. Starr, of Illinois, together with the memorial and action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of California in relation to suspended members, beg leave to report, that they have endeavored to give the subject that careful and critical attention which questions involving the change of an organic law demand, and have arrived at the unanimous conclusion that peculiar controlling circumstances in certain remote jurisdictions require a change of the constitution in regard to suspended members of the Order.

By the laws of the Order, as at present existing, Subordinate Lodges have the power of suspending or expelling for the non-payment of dues after a certain time, and brothers suspended or expelled for this cause cannot be reinstated in the Order without payment of all dues up to the time of suspension or expulsion, and also all that have accumulated up to the time of application for readmission.

The amendments as presented by Reps. Dwinnelle and Starr are general in their character, providing that brethren who have been suspended for non-payment of dues and for no other cause, and having removed to any other jurisdiction, may, after a certain lapse of time, with the consent of the respective Grand Body within whose jurisdiction they may then reside, be readmitted in Subordinates under such Grand Body on such terms as it may prescribe.

The amendment as proposed by Rep. Parker differs from the former in granting this power only to the several Grand Bodies situate upon the Pacific coast.

Your committee fully realize the present constitutional obstacles to the growth of the Order in several of our Northwestern jurisdictions,

and are willing to recommend that general legislation which their peculiar situation would seem to demand.

Within the last few years a tide of emigration unexpected and unparalleled has rolled beyond the Mississippi, and that great natural garden of the world is affording homes to thousands of our young men, who, vigorous in hand and brave in heart, have broken away from old associations for a field of wider enterprise and usefulness. For years perhaps they have been good and faithful members of our beloved Order, but from forgetfulness or misfortune, or the excitement of a new life, have allowed dues to accumulate against them in the Lodges of which they were members, until they find that, without a participation in the benefits, suspension has followed and a debt accrued against them which it would be onerous and perhaps impossible for them to pay, the non-payment of which absolutely debars them from ever again becoming members of the Order.

Your committee believe that this works great injustice to brethren, and prevents that growth and usefulness to some of our remote jurisdictions which they eminently merit and would otherwise experience.

But your committee, deprecating changes of an organic law unless absolutely demanded for the good of the Order, and being desirous of recommending the plan which will most commend itself to the approval of this Grand Body, would recommend a change as applicable only to the jurisdictions situate upon the Pacific.

Our Pacific coast has made for itself a history having no parallel among the nations of the earth.

Within a day, as it were, obscure trading posts have become populous cities, and active earnest life has converted the rude home and aimless pursuit of the savage to the abode of civilization, and the development of material resources which are already affecting the laws of trade and controlling the markets of the world.

Upon the discovery of gold in California a new field was opened and a new direction given to the resistless energies of our good old Anglo-Saxon blood.

Thousands rushed to this golden land for the purpose of gain, not having the remotest idea of making it their abiding place, and among them was a large infusion of the most devoted members of our Order. They little foresaw the future of this now great State. In the language of the address sent up to this body, "they deemed the journey to California not as an emigration to a new home where the principles of their older communities were to be secure, and spring up into a prosperous harvest of civilization, but as a mere adventurous expedition in search of wealth, the duration of which would be short, when they would return to the older States."

Having no expectation of making this their permanent home, they certainly could not hope that in this, then remote wilderness the principles of our Order would spring up into active, organized life. Hence many took out visiting cards under the honest expectation that before they expired their hopes would be realized and they return to the old fold.

Circumstances have doomed to disappointment thousands of these noble-hearted brothers. The exposures incident to their new life have in many instances prostrated their physical powers, and unyielding poverty has taken away both the ability to return or to pay up fast accumulating dues, so as to enable them in their new homes to enjoy the principles of our Order.

Is it the office work of Friendship, Love, and Truth to rear an impregnable barrier to these unfortunate but loving brothers?

Shall we, in accordance with our beautiful laws, seek out the erring brother, who, overcome by temptation, yielded to sin, and gently lead him up to the bright sunlight of truth; let him once more breathe the pure air of love; receive him back into our fold, and bid him go and sin no more; or forever shut our doors to him whom Providence has seen fit to afflict?

It is true that there are many non-affiliated brethren upon our Western coast who have not been thus unfortunate.

Success may have crowned their efforts, and they from choice determined to locate permanently in their new homes. They were good members here, and would become such there.

In the language of the address above referred to, "Instances are well known, and those not a few, where Odd-Fellows in this State, suspended or expelled for the non-payment of dues in the other States, have forwarded the payment of back dues and received no answer to their letters, or one that the Lodge had become extinct. Such examples deter many others from attempting by such means to renew their connection with the Order, and thus we lose valuable members whose sympathies are with us, who admire and love the institution, but feel themselves excluded by an arbitrary rule."

Many other reasons might be urged showing the necessity and justice of the proposed change. It is due to the Order in California. They need the strength of the fifteen thousand non-affiliated brethren in that jurisdiction.

Your committee would therefore recommend that the amendment of the Constitution proposed by Rep. Parker, on page 2663 of the printed Journal of last year, be adopted by this Grand Lodge.

F. E. WOODBRIDGE,
S. H. PARKER,
J. E. STARR,
T. N. BLAKE,
GEORGE M. JONES.

On motion of Rep. Parker, of California, the report was made the special order for to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred so much of the report of the R. W. Grand Sire as relates to the inquiry of

D. D. Grand Sire Wood, respecting the admission of members of the Polynesian race into our Order, ask leave to report—

That the provision of the constitution on this subject (article sixteen, section two) seems to be explicit: "No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except *free white males* of good character," &c. The committee are of opinion that the best interests of the Order would be promoted by a strict construction of this clause. It has been expressly decided that Indians are inadmissible, and Polynesians should not occupy a more favorable position.

The committee recommend that the response to that inquiry be that members of the Polynesian race *cannot be received* as members into the fraternity.

R. B. BOYLSTON,
H. F. ASKEW,
GEO. W. CASSEDY,
S. CRAIGHEAD.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred a resolution of inquiry, (page 2732) "whether, according to the decisions of this Grand Body, Subordinate Lodges can discriminate against suspended members by charging them an increased amount of arrears during the time of suspension," ask leave to report that there do not appear to be any decisions of this body upon the subject, and the committee are of opinion that the same is peculiarly a matter for regulation by the local jurisdictions.

R. B. BOYLSTON,
S. CRAIGHEAD,
H. F. ASKEW,
F. D. STUART,
GEO. W. CASSEDY.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred a resolution on the subject of funeral honors to brothers in arrears at the time of their decease, (page 2732) ask leave to report that the propriety of extending funeral honors to brothers in arrears, but against whom no charges for unworthy conduct are pending at the time of death, is a matter for regulation by the local laws.

R. B. BOYLSTON,
F. D. STUART,
S. CRAIGHEAD,
H. F. ASKEW,
GEO. W. CASSEDY

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the inquiry, (page 2732) "Is a brother who has been elected or appointed Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States from a State jurisdiction, and does not attend any session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, entitled to wear the regalia of a Representative?" ask leave to report that until his credentials are recognised by the Grand Lodge of the United States the person elected or appointed is a Representative *elect*, and not a Representative. He *may* be held disqualified and refused his seat. Until his credentials are submitted, and he declared entitled to take his seat, he is not entitled to wear the regalia of a Grand Representative.

R. B. BOYLSTON,
S. CRAIGHEAD,
H. F. ASKEW,
F. D. STUART,
GEORGE W. CASSEDY.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Stetson, (page 2725) respectfully report—

That they have been unable to discover any law of this Grand Lodge which confers this privilege on the Grand Master or Grand Lodge. They therefore deem it "a dispensation by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge to dispense with the regular meetings of a Lodge" as illegal and improper, and cannot be exercised.

Twenty-six meetings of the Subordinate Lodge, whether held weekly or at longer periods, are required to constitute a full term; but if circumstances over which the Lodge can exercise no control shall occur, by which the meetings cannot be held, the Junior Past Grand should not from that fact alone be disqualified from admission into his Grand Lodge. If, however, the meetings of a Lodge are suspended by its own seeking or application, for causes over which it could exercise control, and the Lodge fails to comply with the requisites of the law, the officers of the Lodge for the term would therefore properly be deprived of their past official degrees. The dispensation of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master could have no effect on the result.

H. F. ASKEW,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
S. CRAIGHEAD,
GEO. W. CASSEDY,
F. D. STUART.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the Committee on

Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Atlas Lodge, No. 295, against the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, on the appeal of Bro. Henry Gaun, respectfully report—

That in this case it appears that Bro. Henry Gaun is afflicted with a partial loss of sight, and has thereby been incapacitated from following his former usual occupation, but, being in other respects in good health, he is able to carry on, manage, and direct another and lucrative business, which enables him amply to provide for the support of himself and family.

The Lodge determined that the brother is not entitled to the benefits of the Lodge, from which action Bro. Gaun appealed to the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge, by its appeal committee, acting in the recess of the Grand Lodge, reversed the determination of Atlas Lodge, and decided the Lodge ought to pay the benefits claimed, and the Grand Master directed the Lodge to pay them. The Lodge appealed to the Grand Lodge for the privilege of giving Bro. Gaun a new trial before a new committee, which the Grand Lodge refused. On this state of the case the Grand Lodge permits an appeal to come to this Grand Lodge.

Under the recognised and uniform principle governing in the Order, a brother who by infirmity has been disqualified from following his usual occupation, but is not thereby incapacitated from applying himself to other pursuits, and thus enabled to provide for his support, is not entitled to the benefits of the Lodge. And in this case it appears that the brother is so engaged, and in the enjoyment of ample income from the business he is in condition to manage. Your committee therefore regard this case as a proper one for review, and recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in the case of Atlas Lodge, No. 295, and Bro. Henry Gaun, be reversed, and that Atlas Lodge be directed to commence proceedings anew in relation to the question pending on the eligibility of Bro. Gaun for weekly benefits.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
THOS. SHACKELFORD,
WM. THAYER,
HENRY E. LOCKETT,
GEO. W. ADAMS.

On motion of Rep. Parker, of California, leave of absence was granted to Rep. Starr, of Illinois, for the remainder of the session.

The Lodge now resumed the special order, viz. the consideration of the reports of Standing Committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The next report, (page 2758) was considered, being from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of Wayne Lodge, No. 2, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved the previous question. The main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the Committee on Appeals?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, being from the same committee, (page 2759) on the appeal of P. G. Daniel McLaren, was considered and adopted.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Woodbridge, of Vermont, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Rep. Verner, of Michigan, have leave of absence for the balance of the session, he having advices of sickness in his family.

The next report, from the same committee, (page 2762) being the appeal of Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, of Maryland, was considered and adopted.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the papers on the "appeal of sundry members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland from the action of said Grand Lodge at its July communication, 1857," signed by P. G. M. Thompson and others, have, in the discharge of their duty, deliberately examined the same, and respectfully ask herewith to tender their report.

In abstracting the facts of the case, we find the following only necessary to be set forth to the proper understanding of the appeal:

An amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland was before the Lodge for its vote, two-thirds of the members voting being necessary for its adoption. The vote was taken *by the members rising* to their feet, first the affirmative and then the negative. The Conductor and Marshal were appointed by the Chair to count the votes, who reported fifty-four votes in the affirmative and twenty-six in the negative. However, before the result of the vote was proclaimed by the Grand Master, a doubt was expressed by a member as to the correctness of the count of the tellers of the negative vote, and said the amendment was lost, as he had counted twenty-eight votes in the negative, and then demanded another count. The Chair was about to order a second vote, when a member asked "whether debate was in order at this stage of the proceedings." The Chair decided adversely to the right. An appeal was taken from the decision of the Chair, and debate had thereon, after which the appeal was withdrawn. "The Chair ordered a second count of the *negative side of the question*, when the Conductor and Marshal reported thirty-two votes." A member asked leave to change his vote to the negative, which was done, and the Chair proclaimed the amendment lost. The member changing his vote moved to reconsider the vote *just* taken on the proposed amendment aforesaid, when a motion was made "that the whole subject lie on the table," which motion was not agreed to; after which, and before any vote was taken on the proposed amendment, the Lodge adjourned for the day.

On the next day, when the second amendment aforesaid came up for the vote of the Lodge, the Grand Master stated that he had been in error the night before, in allowing a member other than those legally authorized to count the votes on the said proposed amendment, *and then declared* the said *amendment adopted* by the first vote taken on the same, the day or night before, and ruled all action had after that count in reference to the amendment not to have been in order. A Past Grand appealed from the decision of the Chair to the Lodge; and the question being put, the vote being taken by Lodges, it was found that there were fifty-one yeas and thirty-five nays; "and the decision of the Chair was sustained."

From the actings of the Grand Master in the premises on the first day, and his decisions (ruling the amendment aforesaid adopted) on the second day, and the decision of the Lodge sustaining his decision on that point this appeal is presented.

The first question for the consideration of your committee, is whether the said amendment to the constitution was adopted by the first vote had upon it? We think not. It is true that the tellers reported fifty-four in the affirmative and twenty-six in the negative. We admit that if that vote had been proclaimed by the Chair before any objection to the correctness of the vote had been made, the amendment should have been declared by him carried and adopted; but this was not done. The Chair had doubts as to the correctness of the poll, and ordered another vote, and was about to put the vote when he was interrupted by the question, "whether debate was in order at this stage of the proceedings?" Neglecting to order a second vote after the disposition of the question asked, he ultimately concluded to order one on the negative side of the question only, which was taken, and the result was thirty-two votes in the negative; and he decided the amendment lost.

We conceive the action of the Grand Master in so ordering the negative vote to be taken as against all parliamentary rules, and in direct violation of all precedent in such cases. He should have ordered the vote to be taken on both sides of the question. (See Cushing's Manual, page 130.) The reason of this is obvious to every one.

It is contended that no one has the right to contradict the report of the tellers legally appointed by the Chair to count votes, &c.; that if this were permitted the proceedings of legislative bodies would be embarrassed thereby, so as to prevent legislation, &c. We cannot subscribe to such an assumption.

It is true we cannot find a case precisely analogous to the one before your committee, but by reference to "Cushing's Manual," pages 124 and 125, it will be found that a member has the right to doubt the correctness of a proclamation of a vote from the Chair where the vote is by sound, when he can call for a division, which is universally ordered by the Chair. We are unable to see why the *first vote* taken, "the members of the Lodge rising to their feet," and counted by tellers, should not be doubted, and the correctness of the count questioned. We can discover no reason why such a rule should be asserted that the

tellers' count of the first vote should be conclusive and obligatory upon the Lodge. In the case before your committee, the Grand Master acted on the belief that a re-count should be ordered, and so ordered it. In this we concur with him, and if the vote had been taken immediately his ruling would have been correct, but it was not done, and, strange to say, after the lapse of considerable time, he ordered a vote to be taken only as to the *negative side of the question*, when it was ascertained that thirty-two had voted in *the negative*—and declared the amendment lost. This was done when, if the affirmative side had been taken, the result might have been very different. This ruling of the Grand Master we consider as totally irregular and without warrant of precedent, and the vote as taken utterly void.

The second question involved in this appeal is, whether the Grand Master decided correctly in reversing his acts done in this matter on the first night. We do not deny this right of the presiding officer to reverse himself in many cases, and to change his views when he is satisfied he is wrong; but there should be some limit of time to this changing of views and reversals of himself.

In this case we concur with the Grand Master in this, that he was wrong in what he did as to the ordering of a vote on the negative side of the question alone, but no further. *The time for declaring the amendment to the constitution adopted* had passed; his declaration that it was so adopted we conceive was a nullity.

If we are right in our views of the facts and the law involved in this appeal, the proposed second amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland is still undisposed of, and is a pending question for its decision at its next regular communication.

Entertaining these views, your committee respectfully recommend to your R. W. Grand Body the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States reverse the decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland so far as the same sustains the decision of its Grand Master, declaring, on the second day after the vote was taken on the amendment to the said Constitution of Maryland, that the same had been legally adopted the day before, and that they direct the Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland to take the vote on the said proposed amendment to its Constitution, found on page 111 of its last Journal.

T. SHACKELFORD,
WILLIAM THAYER,
GEO. W. ADAMS,
HENRY E. LOCKETT,
J. A. KENNEDY.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance have examined the reports, books, and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and report them correct, with proper vouchers accompanying each item of expenditure. The committee take pleasure in saying the books and accounts have been kept in a satisfactory manner, exhibiting every account clearly

and perspicuously, and the accounting officers have afforded every facility to the committee in the discharge of their duty. The condition of the finances may be stated as follows, viz:

Balance in the treasury, as per report of last session		$10,239 52
Cash received by the Grand Secretary from all sources, during the fiscal year, up to and including September 22	$17,654 60	
Proceeds of negotiations authorized by resolution of last session	3,744 58	
Grand Lodge of Maine in payment of note and interest	121 15	
Grand Encampment of Maine in payment of note and interest	116 94	
		21,637 27
		31,876 79
The Grand Treasurer has paid out for all purposes as per vouchers amounting to		21,413 55
Balance in treasury, September 22, 1857		$10,463 24

The Assets and Resources are as follows:

Cash as per statement		$10,463 24
Bond of Thomas Wildey, secured by mortgage on real estate	$6,235 41	
Notes Grand Lodge of Maine	252 62	
Note Grand Encampment of Maine	41 15	
		$6,529 18

Supplies on hand, at selling prices.

13859 Cards, at 20 cents	$2771 80	
33920 Odes, at 3¾ cents	1272 00	
594 Degree of Rebekah, $1.25	742 50	
599 Charge books, $2.50	1497 50	
938 Degree books, $2.20	2345 00	
59 Grand Encampment books, $1.25	73 72	
353 Institution books, $1.25	441 25	
87 Grand Lodge books, $1.25	108 75	
342 Encampment books, $2.50	855 00	
166 Diplomas, $1.25	207 50	
167 Revised Journal, $2.08	347 36	
747 Digested Index, $1.75	1307 25	
8265 Forms for Degree Lodges, 2½ cents	206 62	
		$12,176 28
Total assets		$29,168 70

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
DANIEL WOOLSEY,
JOHN G. CLAYTON,
J. CRICKARD.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom the resolution of Rep. Heaton, of California, was referred, relating to the expediency of authorizing Subordinate Lodges to refuse admittance to visiting brothers under certain circumstances, beg leave to report—

That this Grand Lodge has repeatedly decided that brothers in possession of proper cards, and who prove themselves according to established regulations, are entitled to admission into Lodges or Encampments of any State or Territory. Subordinate bodies, by existing regulations, possess an inherent right to protect themselves from disorder, the want of decorum, and violations of the ordinary proprieties of life. The committee deem additional legislation to be unnecessary.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
S. H. PARKER,
JOSHUA VANSANT,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE,
E. H. BARRY.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, in the discharge of their duty, submit the following estimates of the receipts and expenditures of the current year

Estimated Expenditures.

Salary of Grand Secretary	$1,200 00
" " Treasurer	200 00
" " Messenger	700 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's office, including gas, fuel, &c.	300 00
Postage, stationery, &c. Grand Secretary's office	500 00
Paper, printing Daily Journal of this session	500 00
Paper, printing Journal, revised and stereotyped, or so much thereof as may be necessary, as per contract	1,700 00
Cards	400 00
Odes	100 00
Encampment books	200 00
Degree books	200 00
Degree Rebekah books	100 00
Charge books	300 00
Diplomas	200 00
Mileage and per diem	11,500 00
Contingent fund	500 00
Book case for preserving proceedings of State Bodies	100 00
Total estimated expenses	$18,700 00

Estimated Revenue for the current year.

Representative tax—100 Representatives	$7,500 00
Dues from Subordinate Lodges	100 00
Arrears of Grand Bodies	300 00
Sale of books	4,000 00
" Cards	5,500 00
" Diplomas	250 00
" Odes	250 00
Total estimated revenue	$17,900 00

At the last session the price of supplies, other than cards, were advanced twenty-five per cent., which made some of the supplies at inconvenient fractional prices, and a resolution is submitted fixing those supplies at rates easily calculated, and which it is believed they will readily sell at.

It will be necessary that the deficiency to meet the expenses of the present session should be provided for, and we recommend that the Grand Officers negotiate a sufficient amount for that purpose. The following resolutions are submitted:

Resolved, That the sum of eighteen thousand seven hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of salaries, printing, per diem and mileage, and other expenses of the current year, agreeably to the estimate herewith submitted, and the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue his warrants therefore.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to negotiate a temporary loan, to the credit of the Grand Lodge, for such sum as the immediate wants of the treasury may require, and the Grand Officers be directed to execute the note of this Grand Lodge for that purpose.

Resolved, That the price of Odes and forms for Degree Lodges be fixed at five cents each; the price of the revised Journal be fixed at two dollars and fifty cents per volume, and Grand Lodge books at two dollars each.

ISAAC M. VEITCH.
B. CONLEY,
DANIEL WOOLSEY,
JNO. G. CLAYTON,
J. CRICKARD.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. Master W. S. Wood from the action of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, on the appeal of Bro. Jacobs, respectfully report:

That in this case charges were preferred in Palmetto Lodge, No. 5, against Bro. A. S. Baldwin, which were referred to a committee, who reported in favor of the expulsion of the brother: that the action on the report was deferred from time to time, when, without considering the report, the committee who had had it under examination were

discharged, and the case referred to a new committee, which, at the next meeting, reported in favor of expulsion for contempt. At the meeting the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the report, and adopted a vote expelling the brother.

An appeal was taken from this action of the Lodge to the Grand Lodge, where a committee reported unanimously that the action of Palmetto Lodge was in violation of the General Laws, and recommended that the appeal be sustained; but the Grand Lodge rejected the recommendation of the committee.

This appeal is brought by P. G. M. Wood from that decision of the Grand Lodge.

Your committee do not regard it necessary to present any argument in so clear a case of wrong, and submit the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, in relation to the appeal of Bro. P. S. Jacobs, be and the same is hereby reversed.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
WM. THAYER,
GEO. W. ADAMS,
THOS. SHACKELFORD,
HENRY E. LOCKETT.

Rep. Vansant, of Maryland, moved to reconsider the vote adopted this morning approving the minutes of yesterday.

Rep. Pruett, of Kentucky, moved the previous question, and the main question was not ordered.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Vansant, of Maryland, to reconsider the vote approving of the minutes of yesterday, it was resolved in the negative.

The hour fixed for adjournment, 3½ o'clock, having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present, all the Grand Officers and a quorum of Grand Bodies

Prayer by Rev. Bro. James D. McCabe, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. Heisey, of Iowa, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals beg leave to submit the following report on the appeal of Roger Williams Lodge, No. 3, against the decision of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

The facts as they appear to your committee, from the documents placed in their hands, are as follows:

In the year 1847 Roger Williams Lodge, No. 3, enacted an amendment to her then by-laws, in the following language: "No brother shall be entitled to receive any benefits for the first week's sickness or accident of attending to his usual occupation, except in case of real necessity." In 1850 a committee was appointed to revise the by-laws of the Lodge, and the said committee reported a compilation, which were duly adopted by the Lodge, and subsequent to their adoption a resolution was agreed to, in words, to wit: "After which it was moved and voted to suspend the old by-laws and the new by-laws to take their place." In the new code of laws the amendment adopted in 1847 was omitted, though, as alleged and substantiated, it was done unintentionally, and the Lodge have always acted under the law of 1847, even in its application to the brother whose claim is the cause of action in the present case. On 18th September, 1855, Bro. E. B. White was reported sick nine days; afterwards corrected to eleven days; then well; and 19th February, 1856, he was reported sick from February 9th; and March 4th, 1856, reported well. On account of the sickness in September, Bro. White claimed of the Lodge benefits for four days, which were denied him, on the decision of the then Noble Grand that the Lodge did not pay for fractional parts of a week, according to his construction of the following section of article 2, section 2, "and no claim shall be allowed for sickness of a shorter duration than one week." It is evident that Bro. White was entirely ignorant of the actual law of his Lodge, having made his claim under the law of 1847, which by sufferance of the members was continued in force, though not incorporated in her laws. Also, in his claim for sickness in February, 1856, as made to his Lodge, he abated one week of the time he was reported sick, which was denied him on the ground of arrears, though the brother claimed that he was not in arrears, the amount of benefits he believed due for September sickness being sufficient to remove any disqualification.

Bro. White appealed from the action of this Lodge, and, in his appeal before the Grand Body, cited his claim for the whole period of his sickness, while before the Lodge his claim was for a part of the time, acting, as was customary in the Lodge, under the enactment of 1847. The position was maintained by the Grand Lodge, as in conformity with the then laws of the Subordinates.

In as brief a manner as possible, your committee have endeavored to set forth the facts of the case, and would now state the points involved therein and calling for decision.

First. By the adoption of the code of by-laws in 1850, and the resolution repealing all by-laws previously adopted, was the Lodge correct by the sufferance of its members in enforcing the law of 1847?

This point your committee regard as settled conclusively, that the Lodge was decidedly in error, as the repealing resolution adopted annulled all the previous laws, and the tacit consent of the members cannot be regarded as conferring power to enforce any law not found in the then by-laws, or an enactment made subsequent to their adoption.

Second.—Was or not the decision made and acted upon that the Lodge did not pay the fractional part of a week's benefits correct?

According to the law of the Lodge, it is to be found that the decision was correct, and in connection therewith, the general usage of the Order discountenances such practices; in other words, as your committee understands the laws and usages, if a brother is sick more than one week, and is reported as well to his Lodge prior to the end of every subsequent week, he is debarred from receiving the fraction of the subsequent week's benefit.

Third. Was Bro. White entitled to benefits for sickness in September, 1855, or not?

Under the standing rule of the Lodge, Bro. White was beyond doubt entitled to one week's benefits; but, again, under the law and decision then made and now confirmed, was not entitled to payment for the fractional part of the second week.

Fourth. Was Bro. White entitled to benefits for his sickness in February, 1856?

Under the previous decisions this point turns upon the fact of the arrears of the brother. The Lodge being in his debt for one week's benefits in September, 1855, it was an amount sufficient to liquidate his arrears to the then date, and consequently was not disqualified under the rule of the Lodge, but entitled to two weeks' benefits.

Fifth. Has a brother (having made a claim on his Lodge, but subsequently appealing from its decision, finding himself, through ignorance of the law or other cause, to have erred in stating the amount of his claim before his Subordinate) the right to cite his claim in corrected form before the Superior Body?

All justice and equity decide that the right is so vested, and in the case before your committee, from whatever cause or motive Bro. White may have stated his claim before his Lodge for a less amount than the by-law of the Lodge gave him, when he brought his case before his Lodge it was right and proper that he should cite his claim for such amount as would appear to him he was entitled to under the Lodge rules.

With these views your committee are of opinion that the decision of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island was correct in the main, while, on the other hand, the action of the Roger Williams Lodge, No. 3, was also correct in refusing the payment of benefits for a fractional part of a week, and would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the decision of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, in her action *vs.* Roger Williams Lodge, No. 3, be sustained in so much as to compel the Subordinate to pay Bro. E. B. White benefits for the full weeks for which he claimed.

WILLIAM THAYER,
GEO. W. ADAMS,
HENRY E. LOCKETT,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
THOS. SHACKELFORD.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, in obedience to the instructions of this R. W. Grand Body, report the resolution of Rep. Webb, of Texas, in relation to the reconsideration of a ballot, to be found on the Journal of Thursday, page 2773.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
E. H. BARRY,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE,
JOSHUA VANSANT,
S. H. PARKER.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the some committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee have considered the resolution of Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, relating to the propriety of passing a special law authorizing a Lodge to visit a sister Lodge of the same jurisdiction in a body without observing the forms now required.

Your committee are inclined to view with favor any measure calculated to give facilities to the interchange of fraternal civilities and social intercourse among the members of the Order. But the measure proposed introduces a change in the work which ought to be the subject of grave consideration, and which ought not to be adopted without more time for examination and reflection than the committee can now command. They ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
JOSHUA VANSANT,
S. H. PARKER,
E. H. BARRY,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Parker, of California, (page 2728) ask leave to report—

That in May, 1856, the Grand Lodge of California ordered from the Grand Secretary certain supplies *unaccompanied* by the cash, as required by this Grand Lodge. At the time the order was received there were no supplies on hand of the kind wanted, and such supplies were not printed until after the meeting of the Grand Lodge in September last, at which meeting the price of supplies was raised, which advanced price the Grand Lodge of California object to pay. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of California, in not complying with the requirements of this Grand Lodge in remitting the cash at the time the order was sent for supplies, cannot claim said supplies at the prices which they were sold at in May, 1856; and that the amount now due, say eighty dollars and seventy-two cents, is correct, and that no abatement be allowed.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
B. CONLEY,
DANIEL WOOLSEY,
JOHN G. CLAYTON.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance recommend the payment of the following claims and bills:

P. G. Sire William Ellison, bill postage, &c.	$20 75
John J. Johnson, services at this session Grand Lodge	12 00
Jacob Mearis, services as keeper of the Hall	5 00
Portrait of P. G. Sire Ellison, or so much thereof as may be required	125 00

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer for the several amounts set forth above, to be charged to the contingent fund.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
B. CONLEY,
SAMUEL WOOLSEY,
JNO. G. CLAYTON,
J. CRICKARD.

Rep. Prall, of Northern New York, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the returns of the Grand and Subordinate Bodies under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, report in part on Subordinate Lodges, and which they find correct, as follows:

Nebraska.—Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, terms ending December 31 1856, and June 30, 1857; Omaha Lodge, No. 2, terms ending December 31, 1856, and June 30, 1857; Frontier Lodge, No. 3, terms ending December 31, 1856, and June 30, 1857.

New Mexico.—Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, terms ending June 30, 1856, and December 31, 1856; Paradise Lodge, No. 2, term ending December 31, 1856.

Sandwich Islands.—Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, terms ending December 31, 1855, and June 30, 1856; Pacific Lodge, No. 2, terms ending December 31, 1855, and June 30, 1856.

Washington Territory.—Olympic Lodge, No. 1, year ending December 31, 1856.

W. H. H. PRALL,
J. H. ROBINSON,
RICHARD MARLEY,
WILLIAM GARRETT,
E. G. FULLER.

Rep. Prall, of Northern New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Reports, to whom was referred the returns of Grand and Subordinate Bodies under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, report in part on Subordinate Encampments, and which they find correct, as follows:

Arkansas.—Eagle Encampment, No. 1, term ending June 30, 1857; Fort Smith Encampment, No. 3, term ending December 31, 1856, and June 30, 1857; Walker Encampment, No. 5, from December, 1855, to June 30, 1857, inclusive.

Minnesota.—Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, for terms ending from June 30, 1855, to June 30, 1857, inclusive.

Nova Scotia.—Mambertou Encampment, No. 9, for term ending December 31, 1855, and June 30, 1857.

Sandwich Islands.—Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, terms ending from June 30, 1855, to June 30, 1856, inclusive.

Vermont.—Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3, terms ending December 31, 1856.

W. H. H. PRALL,
J. H. ROBINSON,
RICHARD MARLEY,
WILLIAM GARRETT,
E. G. FULLER.

Rep. Hunt, of Texas, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, to whom was referred the inquiry of Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, relating to the amount of mileage charged for and received by Rep. Thomas J. McLain, of Ohio, at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, beg leave to report—

That, upon examination of the proceedings of the last session, we find that the amount charged for and received by Rep. McLain was for mileage from Warren, Ohio, eight hundred and seventy miles, the sum of eighty-seven dollars; and that the amount should have been, under the resolution of this Grand Lodge, under which the Committee on Mileage acted, regulating the same, according to the nearest mail route:

For mileage from Warren to Salem.....	25 miles.
For mileage from Salem to Pittsburg.....	69 miles.
For mileage from Pittsburg to Harrisburg.....	247 miles.
For mileage from Harrisburg to Baltimore.....	85 miles.
Total amount of mileage.....	426 miles.

The amount properly due Rep. McLain was forty-two dollars and sixty cents. The amount over-paid him was forty-four dollars and forty cents. We also find a letter from Rep. McLain, addressed to the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of this Grand Lodge, under date of August 6th, 1857, in which was returned the sum of thirty-five dollars, admitted by Rep. McLain as being the amount he was over-paid, but is short by the above calculation nine dollars and forty cents of the amount he should have, in justice, returned.

It appears from the printed Journals of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, at its last session in May last, that G. Rep. McLain was called upon by that body to explain the excess in the above charge, and that he did make an explanation, whereupon it was "*resolved* that his explanation was not satisfactory." We also find the following extract from his letter above referred to: "In arriving at the distance I travelled to reach Baltimore, in September last, to attend the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, reference was had to routes travelled years ago, and in that way an error crept into the mileage account, which I the more regret, seeing I was a member of the committee on that subject." The failure of Rep. McLain to satisfy his own Grand Encampment has caused your committee to give this matter a careful examination, and we find the following facts sustained by undoubted authority. That Rep. McLain was one of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem at the last session of this Grand Lodge, and as a member of said committee assisted the chairman in making up the calculations of mileage for the other members, and well knew the basis of said calculations; and that he did himself enter his own mileage at the amount as therein charged. In view of all these facts, your committee deeply regret that they are compelled to state that they have failed to discover any extenuating circumstances calculated to justify such a departure from integrity. We do therefore recommend that a copy of this report be furnished Rep. McLain by the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and that he be requested to return to the Grand Lodge the balance, nine dollars and forty cents, over-paid him as the above statement shows.

E. P. HUNT,
CHARLES WOLFORD,
C. R. HANSFORD,
M. M. BURBANK,
MARTIN HEISEY.

On motion, the rule was suspended and the report was adopted.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That no new business shall be introduced after 12 o'clock this day

Rep. Pruett, of Kentucky, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was not agreed to. The question being on the resolution—

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, moved to amend by striking out the words "12 o'clock this day," and inserting "at 3 o'clock this day;" which was agreed to, and the resolution as so amended was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Clayton, of Southern New York, Rep. Langdon, of Southern New York, had leave of absence after this day.

Rep. Mitchell, of South Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That it be referred to the Legislative Committee to inquire into the expediency of providing opening and closing odes for the use of Subordinate Encampments at their meetings.

Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, moved the following amendment to the twenty-fifth rule of order, which was adopted:

Insert after the word "number," in the second line of said rule, the following words, to wit: "which point of order shall be reduced to writing and handed to the Chair."

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution from the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, as presented for the consideration of this Grand Body by Rep. Cornwell, (page 2728) respectfully report—

That it is a subject of great doubt in the minds of a large number of the Order whether the alterations which were made in the secret work in 1845 have been attended with all the beneficial effects that were then anticipated; and it is now a question worthy of mature deliberation whether a return in some degree approximating to that work of olden time would not increase to a great extent the interest of the members, renew their enthusiasm, and as a consequence advance the prosperity of the Order.

It is a matter not to be denied that under the present condition one branch of our Order in some States is rapidly declining, and some events recently transpired will in all probability hasten that decline, and these jurisdictions will as a necessity ere long be "among the things that were."

It becomes, therefore, a subject of deep importance to endeavor to devise some plan by which such a result shall be obviated, or at least provide some measure by which the members may continue to derive profit and pleasure from the degrees they have taken, and at the same time the Order be maintained in a prosperous condition.

It is not a matter of doubt that our present secret work is *not perfect*, and the committee believe that it would conduce to the interest of the Order to have the whole of the secret work revised, and if pos-

sible add to the work of the Subordinate Lodges the degrees of the Encampment. The committee believe it possible to effect such a result, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a special committee of ——— be appointed, to whom the subject shall be referred, with instructions to revise the entire secret work, and report to the next session of the Grand Lodge a plan for merging the degrees, and also report suitable charges and lectures which would be appropriate after such merging.

H. F. ASKEW,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
S. CRAIGHEAD,
GEO. W. CASSEDY,
F. D. STUART.

On motion of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, the Lodge agreed to consider the amendment to the rules of order offered by him on yesterday, (page 2776;) and the question being on adopting the same, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Davis, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Treasurer be authorized to receive as a donation to the Treasury of this Grand Lodge the per diem and mileage of such Representative as may see proper to relinquish it.

Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, moved to amend as follows:

"Or any other sum of money that the Grand Representatives may choose to donate."

On motion of Rep. Lockett, of Texas, the whole subject was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Independence Lodge, No. 55, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, respectfully report:

That P. G. Charles Dean appealed to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania against the action of Independence Lodge in declaring him not entitled to benefits claimed. The Lodge refused to pay the benefits on the ground that the brother was not incapacitated from following his usual occupation during any part of the time for which his claim is made. The brother was afflicted for several weeks with boils on his arm, but, being engaged in a business where manual labor was not required to be performed by himself, he was capable of and did attend to his ordinary duty of superintending his business and directing his workmen in their operations. It also appears that during the same period he continued to attend to his ordinary family duties, in carrying home his marketing, &c., and made no change in his habits of social

enjoyment. On this state of facts, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania reversed the action of the Lodge; from which decision the Lodge appeals.

Your committee are of opinion that Independence Lodge was fully justified in the course taken; that the brother was not incapacitated in the manner and to the extent contemplated by the beneficial features of our institution, and was not entitled to the benefits of the Lodge. Your committee therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That the decision of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the case of Independence Lodge, No. 55, and P. G. Charles Dean, be reversed; and the action of said Lodge be confirmed.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
GEORGE W. ADAMS,
HENRY A. LOCKETT,
WILLIAM THAYER,
THOMAS SHACKELFORD.

On motion of Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, the Lodge agreed to take up the reports of committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The first report, (page 2747) being from the Committee on Unfinished Business, was considered.

Rep. Hodgson, of District of Columbia, moved that so much of said report as refers to the resolution of Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia, and the resolution itself, be referred to the Legislative Committee; which was agreed to.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved to adopt the resolution of the Legislative Committee of last session, relating to officers of Grand Bodies, (page 2665) being part of the unfinished business contained in the report under consideration. The resolution is as follows:

Resolved, That an officer of this Grand Lodge, or of a State Grand Lodge, taking a withdrawal card, does not vacate his office thereby if the same be immediately deposited in his State Grand Lodge, accompanying the application for a new charter; provided that while holding such withdrawal card, and until such new Lodge be instituted, such person can discharge no official act.

Rep. Eckel, of Delaware, moved to amend as follows, which was adopted:

Strike out the word Lodge where it occurs the second time in first line, and also where it occurs in third line, and insert the word *Body*.

The question being on the resolution as amended—

Rep. Willard, of Illinois, moved further to amend as follows, which was adopted:

Insert after the words "new charter" the following: "Or if, on occasion of change of residence, the card be within one month deposited in a Subordinate, at his new residence."

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved the previous question. The main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment offered by Rep. Willard, of Illinois?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being now on the resolution as amended, as follows, it was resolved in the affirmative:

Resolved, That an officer of this Grand Lodge or of a State Grand Body taking a withdrawal card does not vacate his office thereby, if the same be immediately deposited in his State Grand Body, accompanying the application for a new charter; or if, on occasion of change of residence, the card be within one month deposited in a Subordinate at his new residence; provided that while holding such withdrawal card, and until such new Lodge or Encampment be instituted, such person can discharge no official act.

The hour (10 o'clock) having arrived at which the report of the special committee on the subject of the amendments to the constitution, proposed by Rep. Dwinelle, of California, and Rep. Starr, of Illinois, at the last session, was made the special order, the Lodge proceeded to that subject.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved to discharge the special order; which was not agreed to.

The Lodge resumed the special order, when, on motion of Rep. Parker, of California, the report of the special committee was received.

On his further motion to adopt the amendment to the constitution, offered by him and recommended by the committee, to be found on page 2663 Journal—

Rep. Vansant, of Maryland, moved the previous question. The main question was ordered and was put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment to the constitution recommended by the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Three-fourths of the members present having voted in the affirmative, the yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Adams, of Georgia, Adams, of Kentucky, Armstrong, (2 votes,) Askew, Barber, Barry, Blake, Boylston, Burbank, Cassedy, (2 votes) Clark, Conley, Cornwell, Craighead, Dearborn, Earl, Eckel, (2 votes,) Edwards, Ellis, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, Foster, (2 votes,) Fuller, Garrett, Gerrish, Gilmore, (2 votes,) Glenn, (2 votes,) Harper, Hansford, Heaton, Heisey, Herndon, Hodgson, Hoke, Horner, Hunt, Ilsley, Jones, Kaler, Kellogg, Kidder, Latham, Lawrence, Lockett, McAuley, Marley, Mitchell, Moore, Patten, Parker, Peers, Phelps, (2 votes,) Pope, Porter, Prall, Pruett, Prime, Rand. (2 votes,) E. C. Robinson, J. H. Robinson, Robinson, of California, Schlig, Shackelford, Stetson, Stockbridge, Stuart, Taylor, Terry, Tucker, of New Jersey, Vansant, Wallace, Washburn, (2 votes,) Webb, Willard, Wolford, Woodbridge, Woolsey—86.

NAYS.—Caldwell, Clayton, Davis, Kennedy, Langdon, Rich, Thayer, Tucker, of Massachusetts, Veitch, Wilkinson, Wilcox, (2 votes,) Yale—13.

The Lodge resumed the order of business, viz. the consideration of the report of the special committee on unfinished business, page 2777.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved indefinitely to postpone the pending amendments to the constitution offered by Rep. Dwinelle, Rep. Starr, and Rep. Hyneman, referred to in the report; which was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, so much of the report which relates to taking the testimony of non-resident witnesses was indefinitely postponed.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved to adopt the amendment to the

constitution referred to in the report on unfinished business, offered by Rep. Williams, of New Hampshire, at the last session, page 2662.

Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, moved the previous question. The main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the proposed amendment to the constitution to be found on page 2662, Journal of last session?"

Which was resolved in the affirmative, three-fourths of the members present having voted in the affirmative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Adams, of Georgia, Adams, of Kentucky, Armstrong, (2 votes,) Askew, Barber, Barry, Blake, Boylston, Burbank, Caldwell, Clark, Clayton, Conley, Cornwell, Davis, Eckel, (2 votes,) Edwards, Ellis, Farnsworth, Foster, Fuller, Garrett, Gerrish, Gilmore, (2 votes,) Harper, Hansford, Heaton, (2 votes,) Heisey, Herndon, Hodgson, Hoke, Horner, Ilsley, Jones, Kellogg, Kidder, Langdon, Latham, Lawrence, McAuley, Marley, Mitchell, Moore, Patten, Phelps, (2 votes,) Pope, Porter, Prime, Rand, (2 votes,) Rich, E. C. Robinson, J. H. Robinson, Robinson, of California, Schlig, Shackelford, Stockbridge, Stuart, Taylor, Thayer, Tucker, of Massachusetts, Wallace, Washburn, Wilkinson, Willard, Wilcox, (2 votes,) Wolford, Woolsey—74.

NAYS.—Cassedy, (2 votes,) Craighead, Dearborn, Earl, Fitzhugh, Glenn, (2 votes,) Kennedy, Lockett, Peers, Prall, Pruett, Stetson, Terry, Tucker, of New Jersey, Vansant, Veitch, Webb, Yale—20.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved to adopt the proposed amendment to the constitution, page 2663, in relation to biennial sessions, offered by Rep. Clayton, of Southern New York.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, moved to indefinitely postpone the subject; which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on adopting the proposed amendment to the constitution, it was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Adams, of Georgia, Adams, of Kentucky, Armstrong, (2 votes,) Askew, Barber, Barry, Blake, Boylston, Caldwell, Clayton, Conley, Cornwell, Craighead, Dearborn, Eckel, (2 votes,) Ellis, Garrett, Gerrish, Glenn, (2 votes,) Herndon, Hoke, Horner, Hunt, Ilsley, Jones, Kaler, Langdon, Lawrence, Lockett, Marley, Moore, Patten, Porter, Prall, Prime, Robinson, of California, Stockbridge, Taylor, Thayer, Veitch, Webb, Wilkinson, Willard, Wolford, Woolsey—48.

NAYS.—Burbank, Cassedy, (2 votes,) Clark, Davis, Earl, Edwards, Farnsworth, Foster, (2 votes,) Fuller, Gilmore, (2 votes,) Harper, Hansford, Heaton, (2 votes,) Heisey, Hodgson, Kellogg, Kennedy, Kidder, Krogman, Latham, McAuley, Mitchell, Parker, Peers, (2 votes,) Pope, Pruett, Rand, Rich, E. C. Robinson, J. H. Robinson, Schlig, Shackelford, Stetson, Stuart, Terry, Tucker, of Massachusetts, Tucker, of New Jersey, Vansant, Wallace, Washburn, (2 votes,) Wilcox, (2 votes,) Yale—49.

The hour of 12 o'clock, fixed for recess, having arrived, the Lodge receded from business for one hour, pursuant to special order.

ONE O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Gilmore, of Northern New York, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee of Correspondence, to whom was referred the various communications addressed to the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Secretary since the last communication of this R. W. Grand Body, and a portion of the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary, respectfully report—

That they have carefully examined the said correspondence, and, although they have found much valuable information and abundant cause for congratulation at the general prosperity and onward course of our beloved Order, there appears to be nothing therein which requires the particular attention in recommendation of your committee for the action of this R. W. Grand Body which has not already been brought before it.

Judging from the information we have gathered from the correspondence of the various Grand Lodges subordinate to this R. W. Grand Body, the Order maintains the high position as a charitable and benevolent institution, the most munificent and extended in its bestowments for the relief of distressed and suffering humanity, heretofore awarded it. The statistics of the Order show that there has been expended in the benevolent and charitable purposes thereof over one million of dollars—a fact to which the worthy Odd-Fellow may point as an indisputable evidence that there can come some good out of our Nazareth.

The conservatism of our institution, which teaches us to respect the opinion of our brethren from whatsoever quarter of this vast jurisdiction they may come, and however peculiar they may be in sentiment, is another noticeable fact by all who have visited our councils or paid any attention to our proceedings; indeed, the community at large are impressed with the fact that in the bosom of Odd-Fellowship men of whatever party, sect, or sentiment, however diverse in opinion, ardent in peculiar attachment of locality or association, meet on one common ground, and, forgetting the prejudices of locality and education, mingle together as one vast brotherhood, bound invincibly by the ties of charity and fraternal love.

A result like this could never be attained by the wisest enactment of the statesmen or the enforcement of the most stringent penal laws, but flows naturally and spontaneously from the principles and teachings of an Order which knows no North, no South, no East, no West, except to unite the energies of all in one grand effort for the advancement of the great object of our affiliation.

We observe from the proceedings of some of the older jurisdictions that there is a slight falling off in their numerical strength, but your committee are inclined to the belief that this falling off is an indication of the purification of the Order from the membership of men who joined it from merely selfish motives, and who were never Odd-Fellows at heart, rather than as a decline of Odd-Fellowship in these jurisdictions. Those who remain are the salt of the fraternity, men who love the Order and its principles for their intrinsic worth and their benevolent, social, and virtuous tendencies.

With such men the Order can never decay, because Friendship, Love, and Truth are the attributes of Deity, and will endure forever. They will continue to bear upward and onward its glorious standard, not for any selfish or pecuniary advantage which their continuance in the Order will guaranty to them, but rather for that more precious reward which they will surely find in the hearts of the bereaved and the grateful thanks of the widow and the fatherless.

There is abundant encouragement for brethren to continue their efforts to advance Odd-Fellowship. Every returning day furnishes evidence of the imperishable nature of its principles and their dissemination and progress in the remotest portions of our Republic.

Kansas, Nebraska, Minnesota, Washington Territory, and New Mexico, those gardens of the South and West, have been knocking at our doors for admission to our great brotherhood, and are now making rapid progress therein.

We therefore bid you go on in this great work, with the assurance that not one grief assuaged, not one sorrow relieved, not one kind action bestowed upon those who need our aid or sympathy, will be forgotten by him who has declared himself to be "the father of the fatherless and the widow's God."

With reference to so much of the R. W. Grand Secretary's report as was referred to your Committee of Correspondence, we report the accompanying resolution, under instruction:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be requested to continue his correspondence with the several State Grand Bodies, for the purpose of obtaining full copies of their Journals, properly bound, for the use of the R. W. Grand Body, and that he be authorized to arrange and have bound the pamphlet copies in hand, which, together with those already received and hereafter to be received, shall be preserved in a suitable case for the use of the Representatives.

DEXTER GILMORE,
MILTON HERNDON,
EDWARD ILSLEY,
THOMAS RICH,
DANIEL WASHBURN,
A. B. CLARK.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Lockett, of Texas, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, unanimously, That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Body be and are hereby tendered to the R. W. Grand Encampment and R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland for the kind, hospitable, and sumptuous entertainment furnished to this Grand Lodge during this communication.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward to the proper authorities of said Grand Bodies the action of this Grand Lodge on the same.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Caldwell, of North Carolina, laid on the table the following amendment to the third section of the ninth article of the constitution:

Strike therefrom the following words, viz. "he must have received the royal purple degree."

Rep. Eckel, of Delaware, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will hold a session this evening, commencing at half-past seven o'clock.

On motion of Rep. Barber, of Mississippi, Rep. Yale, of Canada West, had leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, laid on the table the following amendment to the twelfth article of the constitution:

Strike out the word "annually," in the first line, and insert "biennially," and strike out the words "annual and annually" wherever they occur in the constitution in reference to the meetings of the Grand Lodge, and insert in lieu thereof the words "biennial and biennially."

Also to amend the ninth article of the constitution as follows:

Strike out the word "two" where it occurs in the third line before the word "years," and insert "four;" and strike out "annually," in the fourth line, and insert "every two years."

On motion of Rep. Vansant, of Maryland, leave of absence was granted to Rep. Woodbridge, of Vermont, from and after to-day.

On motion of Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, leave of absence was granted to Rep. Fuller, of Lower Provinces, from and after to-day.

Rep. Jones, of Oregon, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order inquire into the expediency of consolidating the Order in Oregon and Washington Territories into one Grand Lodge; provided that the *Subordinate Lodges* of Washington Territory assent thereto.

On motion of Rep. Wilkinson, of Rhode Island, leave of absence was granted to Rep. Porter, of Rhode Island.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the business pending at the time of recess, viz. the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved the adoption of the amendment to the constitution, (on page 2670, Journal,) offered by Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Adams, of Georgia, Adams, of Kentucky, Armstrong, (2 votes,) Askew, Barber, Barry, Blake, Boylston, Caldwell, Cassedy, (2 votes,) Clayton, Conley, Craighead, Dearborn, Earl, Eckel, (2 votes,) Fuller, Garrett, Gerrish, Glenn, (2 votes,) Heaton, Herndon, Hoke, Horner, Kennedy, Langdon, Lawrence, Parker, Prime, Robinson, of California, Thayer, Tucker, of New Jersey, Vansant, Veitch, Wilkinson, Willard, Woodbridge, Woolsey—42.

NAYS—Burbank, Clark, Cornwell, Davis, Edwards, Ellis, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, (2 votes,) Harper, Hansford, Heisey, Hodgson, Hunt, Ilsley, Jones, Kellogg, Krogman, Latham, Lockett, McAuley, Marley, Mitchell, Moore, Peers, Phelps, (2 votes,) Pope, Porter, Prall, Pruett, Rand, Rich. J. H. Robinson, Schlig. Shackelford, Stetson, Stockbridge, Stuart, Taylor, Terry, Tucker, of Massachusetts, Wallace, Washburn, (2 votes,) Webb, Wilcox, Wolford, Yale—49.

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, moved to indefinitely postpone the last proposed amendment to the constitution in the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business, viz. the amendment proposed by Rep Straw, of Maine, (page 2676, Journal;) which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia, the minority of the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

A minority of the Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred that portion of the M. W. Grand Sire's report which relates to the admission of the Polynesian race as members of our Order, begs leave to report:

That in his opinion the subject demands the earnest consideration of this R. W. Grand Body. Within a comparatively few years a race of people, who for ages have lived in darkness and idolatry, have, through the instrumentality of civilization and the Gospel, been elevated to a position in the scale of beings and rank among nations which commands our respect and entitles them to our admiration.

Such is the character and such no doubt is the view taken of the people referred to by D. D. Grand Sire Wood, who asks "if there is any objection to receiving into our fraternity members of the Polynesian race whose education and habits of association with foreigners have fitted them to become members of institutions similar to our own."

At the session of 1854 the Grand Sire, in answer to an inquiry as to the propriety of admitting to our Order Chinese, replied, "that if a Chinese came under the rule requiring a belief in a Supreme Being, the creator and preserver of the universe," he "could see no reason for their exclusion." This opinion was referred to a committee, who subsequently reported in favor of the admission of Chinese; or, in other words, approved of the views of the Grand Sire; and from that period the Chinese were considered admissible to membership in our Order.

It appears from this that this R. W. Grand Body came to the conclusion that a race who are as distinct from the whites as are the people inhabiting the ice-bound regions of the far off North from those who live in and breathe the balmy air of the tropics were fit subjects to become, under certain restrictions, members of our Order. And now permission is asked to initiate Polynesians; and the question arises, what relation exists between the Polynesian race and the races (for there are at least two of them, the Whites or Caucasian, and the Chinese or Mongolian) now entitled to become members of our Order? And this question, if the opinion of the distinguished Grand Sire can be relied on, is easily answered.

It is claimed that the Chinese and a large number of the people who inhabit the Islands of the Pacific, particularly the Sandwich Islands, spring both from the same stock, (the Mongolian race,) and therefore stand on the same footing in the scale of human beings. It is true the inhabitants of Eastern Asia, known as the Chinese, have long been regarded as a superior people, in point of intelligence and knowledge of

the arts, &c., while the Sandwich Islanders, whose misfortune it has been to be cut off from civilization, with a wide sea rolling between them and Christianity, have, until within a few years past, been in the shades of Paganism. But now the scene is changed. We find the Sandwich Islanders an intelligent and enlightened people, quick of perception, ready in acquiring knowledge, and anxious to become proficient in every thing requisite to make them a great nation.

Thousands from the United States and hundreds from Europe and other countries have emigrated to that distant land, and unreservedly mingle in society with the natives. Not only are our countrymen engaged in all the various pursuits of life with the people, but some of the leading officials of the kingdom are from our shores, while many of the sons and daughters of Columbia have united in marriage with the children of the descendants of Pomarre, and are now living happy and contented, enjoying the company of their native-born parents, who, respected by all who know them, live monuments of virtue and patterns of sobriety and honesty for the hundreds of wanderers who have made that the land of their adoption.

If complexion is to be considered, the natives of the Sandwich Islands will compare very favorably with a large portion of the Chinese.

Under these circumstances, then, the undersigned cannot see why a distinction should be made between such a people and the Chinese. If it is desirable to spread far and wide the influences of our beloved Order; if the principles we profess are of the character we claim for them; and if there is any thing in the language we are taught in our various charges and lectures, then it becomes this Grand Lodge to deliberate carefully upon the question, as to whether the people of the Sandwich Islands do not come fairly within the scope of our constitutional limits, and are qualified for membership in the Order. The undersigned is of the opinion that they do so come, and therefore submits the accompanying resolution.

F. D. STUART.

Resolved, That there is no objection to receiving into our Order natives of the Sandwich Islands who believe in a Supreme Being, the creator and preserver of the universe.

Rep. Moore, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Sire's report relating to the petition of members of Ancilla Encampment, No. 2, located at Monticello, Florida, beg leave to report favorably, and recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That Ancilla Encampment, No. 2, located at Monticello, Florida, have permission to remove to Tallahassee, Florida.

CHAS. MOORE,
H. G. STETSON,
E. D FARNSWORTH.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, laid on the table the following amendments to the constitution:

Amend article twelve by striking out the word "annually," in the first line, and inserting "biennially," and strike out the words "annual and annually" wherever they occur in the constitution in reference to the meetings of the Grand Lodge, and insert in lieu thereof the words "biennial and biennially."

Amend article nine by striking out the word "two," where it occurs in the third line immediately before the word "years," and inserting the word "four," and by striking out "annually," in the fourth line, and inserting "every two years."

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee have had under consideration the memorial of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, asking a modification of the general regulation of this Grand Body which prohibits the public installation of the officers of Subordinate Lodges.

This subject was before the Grand Lodge at its last session, and the report of the Legislative Committee of that year adverse to the proposition was adopted. For the reason stated in that report, and for others which it is perhaps improper to mention here, your committee are constrained to recommend that it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the memorialist.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
E. H. BARRY,
F. E. WOODBRIDGE,
JOSHUA VANSANT.

Rep. Parker, of California, the minority of the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, a minority of the Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the memorial of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, report that in the opinion of your committee no evil can result to the Order by granting permission to Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to install their officers in public, if that ceremony be performed under the supervision of local Grand Bodies. By sometimes attracting the attention of the public to a festal occasion like the installation of officers we believe new life and energy would be given to the Order, and we can see no good reason why such installations should not be allowed. We would therefore recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the several Grand Bodies in this jurisdiction be and are hereby authorized to confer upon their Subordinates the right to install their officers in public.

S. H. PARKER.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State

of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred sundry resolutions of inquiry, submitted by Rep. Eckel, (page 2770,) Rep. Wolford, (*ib.*,) Rep. Robinson, of California, (pages 2770 and 2776,) and Rep. Cassedy, (page 2776,) ask leave to report—

That the twenty-ninth article of the by-laws of this R. W. Grand Lodge is as follows: "The Grand Lodge of the United States will neither entertain nor consider any inquiry as to what are the laws or usages of the Order unless the same be brought before the body by an appeal from the decisions of a Lodge or Encampment, or unless the same be presented by a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment."

Apart from the obligation which this by-law imposes, the observation and experience of the committee confirm the value and importance of the regulation.

The inquiries referred to them as above not being within the rule, the committee ask leave to be discharged from their further consideration.

R. B. BOYLSTON,
S. CRAIGHEAD,
FRED. D. STUART,
H. F. ASKEW,
GEO. W. CASSEDY.

Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, (page 2725) beg leave to report that a Lodge may provide in its by-laws for such benefits to members as in its judgment may seem proper; provided, said by-laws do not conflict with the laws of the Grand Lodge to which said Lodge is submitted.

F. D. STUART,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
H. F. ASKEW,
S. CRAIGHEAD,
GEO. W. CASSEDY.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the question of law arising on the appeal of George Williams, Noble Grand of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, of Honolulu, working under the jurisdic-

tion of the Grand Lodge of the United States, report that the question presented to your committee is simply this: "When a balloting has been declared null and void, what position does the proposition upon which such balloting was had occupy before the Lodge?" Your committee unhesitatingly report that the proposition, together with the report thereon of the committee of investigation, and the action of the Lodge receiving such report and ordering a balloting, would still be before the Lodge, and nothing would remain to be done except to ballot anew.

GEORGE W. CASSEDY,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
S. CRAIGHEAD,
H. F. ASKEW,
F. D. STUART.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to which was referred the appeal of P. G. George Strong against the decision of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, in the case involving the action of South Carolina Lodge, No. 1, and the widow of Bro. Webber, respectfully report, that in this case Bro. Webber had been sick for about three months, during a part of which time he had received the full benefits, and then, under the laws, was cut down to half benefits, when a doubt arose in the Lodge as to the propriety of continuing the brother on the sick list, by reason of his being able to partially attend to his business, whereupon the Lodge, by resolution, stopped the further payment of benefits. At the subsequent meeting charges were preferred against the brother for improperly receiving benefits; on the next succeeding session of the Lodge the committee to whom they were referred reported the charges proven; motions were made for both expulsion and suspension, and immediate action attempted, which was arrested by the Noble Grand, and sustained, on appeal, by the Lodge; and no further action has since been had in the Lodge on the charges. Meanwhile the brother remained sick, and on the 5th of April, one month and a day from the time the Lodge stopped his benefits, the brother died. After the death of the brother the Lodge placed the widow on the beneficiary list of the Lodge. Against this last action of the Lodge P. G. Strong appealed to the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, on the ground that the brother was in arrears at the time of his death. The Grand Lodge of South Carolina dismissed the appeal, and against this action the present appeal is brought. Your committee are of opinion that the benefits of Bro. Webber were withheld by the Lodge on and after the 4th of March under an erroneous opinion of the true condition of his health, as his speedy death from the same sickness incontestably establishes. At the earliest period the Lodge very properly repaired the damage

done, by recognising the right of his widow to the regular beneficence of the Order. The ground is taken that, for the reason that the Grand Master, several months previous, in reply to an inquiry made, had given an opinion of doubtful correctness, and which opinion is not properly at issue in this case, the widow of a deceased brother should be deprived of her undoubted rights. The claim of the widow, in this case, rests on the fact that Bro. Webber was in good standing at the time he was improperly deprived of his benefits, and that at the time of his death the Lodge stood indebted to him for at least five weeks' benefits, and that it is the duty of the Lodge not to permit a brother who is in receipt of the benefits of the Lodge to run out, even in ordinary cases, but where the brother is in *extremis*, as in this case, it becomes more especially its duty. Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina in the case of the appeal of P. G. George Strong against the proceedings of South Carolina Lodge No. 1, in the case of widow Webber, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
T. SHACKELFORD,
GEO. W. ADAMS,
HENRY E. LOCKETT

While concurring in the conclusion above, I do so on somewhat different grounds from a majority of the committee. I do not unite with the committee in their inference that the benefits were stopped by South Carolina Lodge, No. 1, under an erroneous opinion, as I am inclined to the belief the Lodge fully understood her position; but in the document sent up to this body there has been some omission of details, which, had they been incorporated, would have led to the consideration of the case on the single point upon which it was tried by the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, viz. the meaning of the phraseology in a by-law, "over one quarter in arrears."

The case as cited before your Grand Body has caused it to turn on a different point from that contemplated, and as your committee can only act on the documents before them, from their statement it is to be inferred there was a week's benefits due Bro. Webber from 4th to 11th March, 1857; which, unpaid, made him a creditor of the Lodge to an amount more than sufficient to liquidate his arrears to the end of the quarter, and consequently the disqualification for non-payment of dues did not apply in his case.

WILLIAM THAYER.

The Lodge now resumed the consideration of the reports of committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The next report, being from the Committee on Appeals, (page 2764) being the appeal of Bro. Wm. R. Craig, of Nebraska City Lodge, No. 1, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (same page) being from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire during

recess, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, was recommitted to the committee.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, by general consent, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was recommitted their report (page 2764) on so much of the report of the Grand Sire as embraces his decisions during the recess, ask leave to report—

That they have re-examined the same and find that the question involved in the *third* decision of the Grand Sire (page 2699) as to the effect of taking a withdrawal card upon the position of a Grand Representative elect, has been the subject of much discussion. The report of the Committee on the State of the Order, at the last session of this body, (Journal 2628,) embodies the decisions made on this subject, and renders it unnecessary to report them here. The Legislative Committee subsequently reported a resolution (page 2665) providing a remedy for the difficulty, which has been adopted with the amendments at the present session. Since this new enactment, in the opinion of your committee, the further discussion of this vexed question would be unprofitable.

As to the *seventh* decision, (page 2700) the committee reserve their opinion, the same subject-matter being under consideration by the Legislative Committee, under consultation with this committee. The remaining decisions of the Grand Sire the committee find in conformity with law, and recommend their approval and confirmation.

R. B. BOYLSTON,
GEO. W. CASSEDY,
S. CRAIGHEAD,
F. D. STUART,
H. F. ASKEW.

On motion of Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, the rule requiring reports to lie over for one day was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, (page 2765) on the qualification of a Grand Representative, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, (same page) upon the subject of a change of the terms of Subordinate Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Legislative Committee, (page 2766) on the subject of the right of suffrage in Grand Bodies, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, (page 2767) in relation to seals, was considered.

Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, moved to amend the resolution accompanying the report, as follows:

Resolved, That the seal of a Lodge or Encampment, to be authentic, must be printed or impressed upon the paper or instrument it authenticates, and no affixed thereto.

Rep. Davis, of New Hampshire, moved the previous question. The main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment to the resolution accompanying the report, moved by Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia?" which was resolved in the affirmative, and the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, (page 2767) upon extending the privileges of the Degree of Rebekah, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, (page 2768) in relation to balloting for degrees, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, (same page) on the resolution of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, touching certificates of election for Grand Representatives, was considered.

Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, moved to amend the resolution accompanying the report, as follows:

After the words "this Grand Lodge" insert the words "a duplicate certificate of his election as Grand Representative."

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, moved the previous question. The main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. Glenn, of Ohio?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The question being on the adoption of the resolution, as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative, as follows:

That immediately after the election of a Grand Representative it shall be the duty of the Grand Scribe or Grand Secretary of the body which he is to represent to forward to the R. W. Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge a duplicate copy of said Representative's certificate of election.

Rep. Cornwell, of Northern New York, moved that the Lodge reconsider the vote just had adopting the report of the Legislative Committee and the resolution accompanying it, as amended.

Rep. Tucker, of Massachusetts, moved the previous question. The main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. Cornwell, of Northern New York, to reconsider?" which was resolved in the negative.

The next report, (page 2768) being from the Committee on Constitutions, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, was considered and adopted.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, by unanimous consent, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in case of the extinction of a Subordinate Encampment or Lodge in which an officer or member of the Grand Lodge of the United States holds membership, the seat of such Officer or Representative shall not be vacated thereby, provided that within one month after such extinction he shall connect himself with some other Subordinate Encampment or Lodge.

The next report, being from the Committee on Constitutions, (page 2769) on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Returns, (same page)

on the returns of the several Grand Encampments, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, (page 2770) in relation to the returns of the several Grand Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report being from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, (page 2771) was considered and adopted.

The next report being from the Committee on Appeals, (page 2772) on the appeal of P. G. George A. Russell, of South Carolina, was considered and adopted.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Washburn, of Pennsylvania, laid on the table the following amendment to the constitution:

Amend article twelve of the constitution so that it shall read as follows:

1 This Grand Lodge shall meet biennially on the third Monday of September, at nine o'clock A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above provided.

2. During the time intervening between the biennial sessions there shall be a committee, consisting of the Grand Sire, the Deputy Grand Sire, the Grand Secretary, and the Committee on Appeals, appointed at the last preceding session, to whom appeals and applications for charters may be made, or any other business referred not affecting the finances of the Grand Lodge nor being of a legislative nature. Said committee shall hold semi-annual sessions, their action being always subject to confirmation or reversal by the Grand Lodge at its next session.

3. Article ninth and other articles of the constitution are hereby ordered to be conformed in phraseology so as not to conflict with this.

Rep. Shackelford, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The majority of your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Patuxent Lodge, No. 45, of the State of Maryland, respectfully report, that it appears from the record in the case that Benjamin Richardson was a member in good standing of said Patuxent Lodge; he was in the service of the United States as a seaman, and died on 7th January, 1856, and was buried at the expense of the United States. The Lodge paid Richardson's mother the sum of one hundred dollars as the nearest of kin, as a funeral benefit; but refused to pay any thing for funeral expenses. From this action of the Lodge the mother of the deceased prosecuted an appeal to the Grand Lodge of Maryland. The Grand Lodge of Maryland say, "the language of article eight, section three, (4?) of the General Laws, on the subject of funeral expenses, is explicit and unconditional, and that it is their opinion that it is not in the power of a Lodge to go behind that law, and to examine if those expenses have been incurred or not,"

and adopt a resolution reversing the action of Patuxent Lodge. From the action of the Grand Lodge, Patuxent Lodge prosecutes this appeal.

In the first place, let us examine the general law referred to by the Grand Lodge regulating funeral expenses and benefits. Article eight, section four, of General Laws is as follows: "In the event of the death of a brother the sum of not less than thirty dollars shall be allowed to defray his funeral expenses; and should he be a beneficial member, such further sum as may be allowed by the by-laws of the Lodge to which he is attached shall be paid over as provided by the said by-laws; and should he have no relations, it shall be the duty of the Noble Grand to have him decently interred."

We have not before us the by-laws of the Lodge, but take it for granted that they are in accordance with the general law. The whole case depends upon the construction of this law. We hold that the mother is not entitled to the thirty dollars for funeral expenses she claims, because it is not a certain benefit that she is entitled to, as she is to the one hundred dollars paid her by the Lodge.

It seems clear to us that we are right in our position that it is not a certain benefit, &c. If it were otherwise, a fixed sum would be named to be paid for the funeral expenses of the deceased brother, but the language is, "the sum of not less than thirty dollars shall be allowed to defray his funeral expenses." This, it is true, may be only directory to the Subordinates in framing their by-laws, that the sum of thirty dollars shall be the minimum allowance. But we contend that the use of the words "*to defray the funeral expenses*" specifically points out that the funeral expenses be paid out of the sum allowed by the by-laws for funeral expenses, and for no other purpose. It is clear that the mother did not incur any expense in the burial of her son; he was buried at the expense of the United States; and if any one has a right to the thirty dollars, it is the United States.

The Grand Lodge of the United States requires the Subordinate Lodges to endorse on the travelling cards "the amount allowed for sick and funeral expenses." Why is this? We suppose that, in case the travelling brother dies from home, and is buried by a Lodge, the Lodge can recover the amount from the Lodge of which the brother was a member; if not, why endorse at all?

The distinction between funeral expenses and "funeral benefits" was clearly made by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in the case of appeal of Zastersen, from Fell's Point Lodge, No. 44, in January, 1853, (vide Journal, folio 430.) If we are right in our construction of this law, the Grand Lodge of Maryland should not have reversed the decision of Patuxent Lodge on the premises. Therefore we recommend to your R. W. Grand Body the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in reversing the decision of Patuxent Lodge, be reversed.

THOS. SHACKELFORD,
WILLIAM THAYER,
GEO. W. ADAMS,
HENRY E. LOCKETT

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the same committee made the following minority report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The minority of the Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Patuxent Lodge, No. 45, against the action of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, on the appeal of Charlotte Richardson, respectfully report—

That in this case Bro. Benjamin Richardson, while on board of an United States ship at San Juan del Norte, died and was buried there. The Lodge of which he was a member paid his nearest of kin one hundred dollars, the amount provided as an extra funeral benefit, but refused to pay the amount of the regular funeral benefit of thirty dollars, as provided by the General Laws of the Grand Lodge of Maryland and the by-laws of the Lodge. On this decision an appeal was taken to the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which body reversed the action of the Lodge and directed the funeral benefits to be paid to the mother of deceased in full. From this decision the Lodge appeals.

Your committee cannot regard the act of the Lodge in any manner justifiable in withholding from the nearest of kin the whole amount, while it is admitted by the Lodge that the appellant is the proper person to receive a portion of the amount provided to be paid in case of the death of a brother in good standing. If the recipient is entitled to one portion of the benefit, she is entitled to the whole amount, the Lodge having no just reason to apprehend that a claim will be made by the Government of the United States for the amount expended under its own laws. The amount in question should not be retained by the Lodge, but be paid over without delay to the family of the deceased. So the Grand Lodge of Maryland considered.

The minority of your committee submit the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, on the appeal of Charlotte Richardson, from the action of the Patuxent Lodge, No. 45, be and the same is hereby affirmed.

JOHN A. KENNEDY.

The hour fixed for adjournment, 3½ o'clock, having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge adjourned until this evening at 7½ o'clock.

FRIDAY EVENING—7½ o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, all the Grand Officers and a quorum of Grand Bodies.

On motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, the Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

After some time passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

On motion of Rep. Washburn, of Pennsylvania, leave of absence

was granted to Rep. Moore, of Pennsylvania, from and after this evening's session.

On motion of Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, leave of absence was granted to Rep. Foster, of Michigan, from and after this evening's session.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That leave of absence for the remainder of the session be granted to Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, on account of sickness in his family.

On motion of Rep. Parker, of California, leave of absence was granted to Rep. Washburn, of Pennsylvania, from and after this evening's session.

Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge had this day, adopting the report of the Legislative Committee, (page 2767) in relation to the proper mode of authenticating official documents with seals, shall take effect on the first day of January, 1858.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the constitution and by-laws of Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, at Honolulu, and recommend that, with the following corrections, the same be approved:

Constitution, article 2, section 1, clause first, second line, strike out "*has been*" and insert "*is.*" Third line, strike out "*six months.*" Article 2, section 1, clause second, fourth and fifth lines, strike out "*has been six months*" and insert "*is.*" Article 3, section 3, clause third, add "*provided such service be more than half the term.*"

By-Laws, article 2, section 2, strike out the whole—a ballot cannot be re-considered; the election may be declared void. Article 8, section 2, last line, strike out "*ballot or.*"

F. A. ELLIS,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JAMES B. KELLOGG,
W. K. EDWARDS.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, ask leave to report that they have examined the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and respectfully recommend that, with the following corrections, the same be approved:

Article 4, section 8, fifth line, after the word "Vice Grands," insert "and." Sixth line strike out the words "and the royal purple."

F. A. ELLIS,
E. C. ROBINSON,
JAMES B. KELLOGG,
W. K. EDWARDS.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions ask leave to report that they have examined the constitution and by-laws of Nebraska City Lodge, No. 1, of the Territory of Nebraska, and recommend that, with the following corrections, the same be approved:

Constitution, article 1, section 3, strike out at the end of the section the words "and if no such Past Grand be present, then such scarlet member as may be called to it by a majority of the number of the members present." Article 1, section 4, strike out the whole, as it conflicts with the second section and interferes with the power of the Noble Grand to call a special meeting if need be. Article 5, section 2, strike out the words "these appointments must be announced at the meeting next succeeding the election." Article 6, section 1, strike out "for the term immediately ensuing his term of service he shall be sitting Past Grand of the Lodge, and shall always be present to give the charge of of the Past Grand at initiations," as it occasions ambiguity. Article 9, section 2, sixth line, strike out "stand" and insert "be." Article 10, section 7, strike out "in the highest degree of which the accused is a member." Article 10, section 7, strike out all but the last sentence. Article 13, section 2, strike out the whole section and insert "when doubts arise as to the intent and meaning of any part of this constitution, the question shall be decided by the Noble Grand, subject to an appeal to the Lodge." Article 13, section 3, add at the end of the section "when approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States."

By-laws, article 10, strike out the last sentence. By-laws cannot be suspended; they must be amended or repealed.

F. A. ELLIS,
J. E. STARR,
JAMES B. KELLOGG,
E. C. ROBINSON,
W. K. EDWARDS.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, and respectfully recommend that, with the following additions and corrections, the same to be approved:

Article 3, section 5, after the word "Master," in the fourth line of the third paragraph, insert the words, "make to the Grand Lodge of the United States the returns required by its laws." Article 3, section 14, after the word "Representatives," in the fourth line of the third paragraph, insert the words "and Past Grands." Article 4, section 3, strike out the whole of the second paragraph of this section. Article 4, section 4, strike out the word "Representatives," in the first line, and insert "Lodges."

F. A. ELLIS,
JAMES B. KELLOGG
E. C. ROBINSON,
W. K. EDWARDS.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, page 2674 of the Journal of last session, beg leave to report—

That there can be no doubt but that a person admitted into the Order under the circumstances mentioned in the resolution referred to is entitled to the same privileges and honors to which a member is entitled who belongs to a Lodge located in the State or jurisdiction in which he resides, the Grand Lodge of the United States having decided (by-law 16, section 3) that a citizen of one State, District, or Territory may be admitted to membership in a Lodge of another State, District, or Territory, with the previous consent of the Grand Lodge or the Grand Master of the State, District, or Territory whereof such citizen is a resident.

The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the resolution of Rep. Stuart, which is in the following words:

Resolved, That a member of the Order who resides in one jurisdiction, and is a contributing member of a Lodge in an adjoining jurisdiction, (he having been initiated in the nearest Lodge to his residence by the consent of the Grand Lodge or Grand Master of the State or jurisdiction in which he resides,) is entitled to the same privileges and honors to which members are entitled who belong to Lodges located in the State or jurisdiction in which they reside.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
S. H. PARKER,
E. H. BARRY,
JOSHUA VANSANT.

Rep. Washburn, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a suitable testimonial be and is hereby voted to Rep. Stuart for his invaluable services in digesting and arranging the secret work of the Order.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of reports of committees as they appear on the Journal.

The next report, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, (page 2779) relating to the admissibility of the Polynesian race, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Parker, of California, was laid on the table.

The next report, being from the same committee, (page 2780) on the inquiry whether, according to the decisions of this Grand Body, Subordinate Lodges can discriminate between suspended members, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, (same page) on the subject of funeral honors, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, (page 2781) upon the inquiry whether a Grand Representative who does not attend the sessions of this Grand Lodge is entitled to wear the regalia of that rank, was considered.

Rep. Patten, of Georgia, moved to recommit the report to the committee with instructions to answer the question proposed.

Rep. Pruett, of Kentucky, moved the previous question. The main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the motion to recommit with instructions?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurred on the adoption of the report of the committee; which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, being from the same committee, (page 2781) on the resolution of Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, (page 2725) upon the subject of the power of a Grand Master to dispense with the regular meetings of a Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, (page 2782) on the appeal of Henry Gaun, of Pennsylvania, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, (page 2783) on the appeal of P. G. M. Thompson and others, of the jurisdiction of Maryland, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Heaton, of California, to concur in the report and adopt the resolution—

Rep. Rand, of Massachusetts, moved the previous question. The main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the committee?" which was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Washburn, of Pennsylvania, by general consent, presented, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, a bound copy, in four volumes, of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Rep. Taylor, of Pennsylvania, by general consent, presented, on behalf of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, a bound volume of the proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania.

The next report, being from the Committee on Finance, (page 2785) on the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Legislative Committee, (page 2787) on the resolution of Rep. Heaton, of California, relating to refusing admission to brothers under certain circumstances into Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Finance, (same page) on the general finances of the Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Appeals, (page 2788) on the appeal of P. G. M. W. S. Wood, of South Carolina, was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, the Lodge agreed to take up the report of the Committee on Constitutions, (page 2739) on the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, on the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Florida, and on the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts; which was considered and adopted.

Rep. Moore, of Pennsylvania, moved that the Lodge now adjourn; which was not agreed to.

Rep. Davis, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger be directed to forward by mail to each officer and member of this Grand Lodge one copy of the proceedings of each day that may not be printed in season to be placed in their possession prior to adjournment, and that he be also directed to forward by mail one copy of the same to such persons whose names shall be furnished for the purpose by the members; provided the number does not exceed ten copies to each member.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, presented the following paper, which was ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, feeling that it is due to his colleague, Rep. Jonathan S. Whitaker, of New Jersey, to refer to his absence from the present session of this Grand Lodge, desires to state that P. G. Whitaker has been detained at his home by reason of the severe illness of a near relative. In order that the constituency of P. G. Whitaker may properly understand the cause of his absence, it is respectfully requested that this statement be entered on the Journal.

GEORGE W. CASSEDY,
Grand Rep. Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

On motion of Rep. Burbank, of New Hampshire, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present, all the Grand Officers and a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. James D. McCabe, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of California, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Clayton, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, when, on motion, the rule was suspended and the report was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, a majority of whom were members of the same committee during the previous session of the Grand Lodge, respectfully report that they are convinced that the amount voted at the last session to P. G. Sire Wm. W. Moore, for preparing the digest

for the years 1852 to 1855, inclusive, was an inadequate compensation for the amount of labor performed, and would therefore recommend the adoption of the annexed resolution:

Resolved, That, in addition to the amount previously paid, one hundred dollars be appropriated for compensation in full to P. G. Sire Wm. W. Moore, for preparing digest to volume four of Journal of the Grand Lodge.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
JOHN G. CLAYTON,
B. CONLEY,
DANIEL WOOLSEY.

Rep. Hunt, of Texas, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Piem, made the following report, when the rule was suspended and the report was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Per Diem and Mileage ask leave to present the annexed tabular statement of the distance travelled by the Representatives to attend the present session of this Grand Lodge, with the amount of mileage and daily pay to which each Representative is entitled, under the resolution adopted by this Grand Body at its present session, and ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amount of mileage and per diem as set forth in the accompanying tabular statement is hereby ordered to be paid.

E. P. HUNT,
C. R. HANSFORD,
M. M. BURBANK,
CHAS. WOLFORD,
MARTIN HEISEY.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAMES.	PROFESSION.	Town.	State.	Distance from Baltimore.	Days in Attendance	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
GRAND OFFICERS.								
M. W. G. Sire Geo. W. Race..	Lawyer.....	New Orleans..	Louisiana....	1,448	6	$144 80	$18 00	$162 80
R. W. D. G. Sire T. G. Senter..	Teacher	Portsmouth....	N.Hampshi'e	468	6	46 80	18 00	64 80
R. W. G. C. & R. S. J. L. Ridgely.	Farmer.....	Baltimore Co..	Maryland...	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
R. W. G. Treas. Joshua Vansant.	Hat Manufacturer.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland...	.....	6	.....	18 00	18 00
R. W. G. C. Rev J. D. McCabe.	Clergyman.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland...	.....	6	.....	18 00	18 00
R. W. G. Marshal A. M. Foute.	Banker.....	Memphis.....	Tennessee...	1,326	6	132 60	18 00	150 60
R. W. G. Guar. S. H. Lewyt....	Jeweller.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland...	.....	6	.....	18 00	18 00
R. W. G. Mess. J. E. Chamberlain.	Shoe Manufacturer.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland...	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
REPRESENTATIVES.								
Adams, George W.....	Supt. Railroad.....	Macon.....	Georgia.....	875	6	87 50	18 00	105 50
Adams, Samuel L.....	Clergyman.....	Lexington.....	Kentucky....	688	6	68 80	18 00	86 80
Armstrong, Perry A.....	County Clerk.....	Morris.....	Illinois.....	958	6	95 80	18 00	113 80
Askew, Henry F.....	Physician.....	Wilmington...	Delaware....	75	6	7 50	18 00	25 50
Bailey, Samuel H.....	Merchant.....	St. Louis.....	Missouri....	928	6	92 80	18 00	110 80
Barber, L. K.....	Lawyer.....	Woodville.....	Mississippi..	1,510	6	151 00	18 00	169 00
Barry, E. H.....	Clerk.....	Indianapolis...	Indiana.....	700	6	70 00	18 00	88 00
Blake, Thomas N.....	Merchant.....	New Orleans...	Louisiana....	1,448	6	144 80	18 00	162 80
Boylston, R. B.....	Lawyer.....	Winnsboro'....	S. Carolina..	623	5	62 30	15 00	77 30
Burbank, Moses M.....	Moulder.....	Franklin.....	N. Hampsh'e	508	6	50 80	18 00	68 80
Caldwell, Richard A.....	Lawyer.....	Wadsboro'....	N. Carolina..	570	6	57 00	18 00	75 00
Cassedy, Geo. W.....	Lawyer.....	Jersey City....	New Jersey.	192	6	19 20	18 00	37 20
Clark, Asa B.....	Merchant.....	Tallahassee....	Florida.....	1,110	6	111 00	18 00	129 00
Clayton, John G.....	Editor.....	New York....	New York...	192	6	19 20	18 00	37 20

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NAMES.	PROFESSION.	Town.	State.	Distance from Baltimore.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
Conley, Benjamin	Merchant	Augusta	Georgia	707	6	$70 70	$18 00	$88 70
Cornwell, William I	Lawyer	Weedsport	New York	526	6	52 60	18 00	70 60
Craighead, Samuel	Lawyer	Dayton	Ohio	590	6	59 00	18 00	77 00
Crickard, John	Banker	New Orleans	Louisiana	1,448	4	144 80	12 00	156 80
Davis, Stilman S	Clerk	Nashua	N. Hampshi'e	482	6	48 20	18 00	66 20
Dearborn, N. H	Justice of the Peace	St. Charles	Illinois	933	6	93 30	18 00	111 30
Earl, William C	Cashier	Toleda	Ohio	597	6	59 70	18 00	77 70
Eckel, Henry	Printer	Wilmington	Delaware	75	6	7 50	18 00	25 50
Edwards, William K	Lawyer	Terre Haute	Indiana	773	6	77 30	18 00	95 30
Ellis, F. A	Lawyer	Elkton	Maryland	51	6	5 10	18 00	23 10
Farnsworth, E. D	Steamboat Inspector	Nashville	Tennessee	1,185	6	118 50	18 00	136 50
Fitzhugh, E. H	Lawyer	Wheeling	Virginia	379	6	37 90	18 00	55 90
Foster, F. M	Dentist	Jackson	Michigan	968	5	96 80	15 00	111 80
Fuller, E. G	Bookseller	Halifax	Nova Scotia	1,135	5	113 50	15 00	128 50
Garrett, William	Merchant	Burlington	Iowa	1,100	6	110 00	18 00	128 00
Gerrish, E. P	Cashier	Portland	Maine	523	6	52 30	18 00	70 30
Gilmore, Dexter	Lawyer	Utica	New York	450	6	45 00	18 00	63 00
Glenn, Alex. E	Grand Secretary	Columbus	Ohio	512	6	51 20	18 00	69 20
Gorham, Samuel B	Merchant	New Haven	Connecticut	278	6	27 80	18 00	45 80
Harper, M. B	Accountant	Mobile	Alabama	1,253	4	125 30	12 00	137 53
Hansford, Charles R	Mayor	Montgomery	Alabama	1,053	6	105 30	18 00	123 30
Heaton, Warren	Miner	Forest City	California	6,200	6	620 00	18 00	638 00
Heisey, Martin	Merchant	Burlington	Iowa	1,100	6	110 00	18 00	128 00
Herndon, Milton	Physician	Crawfordsville	Indiana	776	6	77 60	18 00	95 60

Hodgson, J. W.	Mechanic	Washington	Dist. of Col.	40	6	4 00	18 00	22 00
Hoke, Wm. J.	Manufacturer	Lincolnton	N. Carolina	614	6	61 40	18 00	79 40
Horner, John S.	Merchant	Helena	Arkansas	1,309	6	130 90	18 00	148 90
Hunt, E. P.	Notary Public	Galveston	Texas	1,848	5	184 80	15 00	199 80
Ilsley, Edward	Miller	Madison	Wisconsin	983	6	98 30	18 00	116 30
Jones, George H.	Merchant	Salem	Oregon	6,970	6	697 00	18 00	715 00
Kaler, Otis	Merchant	Frankfort	Maine	648	5	64 80	15 00	79 80
Kellogg, James B.	Secretary Insurance Co.	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	983	6	98 30	18 00	116 30
Kennedy, John A.	Supt. Castle Garden	New York	New York	192	6	19 20	18 00	37 20
Kidder, Joseph	Merchant	Manchester	N. Hampsh'e	500	6	50 00	18 00	68 00
Krogman, Samuel B.	Merchant	Boston	Massachu'ts.	408	6	40 80	18 00	58 80
Langdon, DeWitt C.		New York	New York	192	4	19 20	12 00	31 20
Latham, Hugh	Omnibus Proprietor	Alexandria	Virginia	46	6	4 60	18 00	22 60
Lawrence, J. H.	Lawyer	Yazoo City	Mississippi	1,385	6	138 50	18 00	156 50
Lockett, Henry E.	Planter	Washington	Texas	1,998	6	199 80	18 00	217 80
McAuley, J. G.	Dentist	Selma	Alabama	1,105	6	110 50	18 00	128 50
Marley, Richard	Shoe Manufacturer	Baltimore	Maryland		6		18 00	18 00
Mitchell, Edward	Clerk	Charleston	S. Carolina	710	6	71 00	18 00	89 00
Moore, Charles	Dentist	Pottstown	Pennsylvania	140	5	14 00	15 00	29 00
Patten, George	Merchant	Savannah	Georgia	843	6	84 30	18 00	102 30
Parker, Samuel H.	Lawyer	San Francisco	California	5,953	6	595 30	18 00	613 30
Peers, V. C.	Merchant	Farmington	Missouri	1,023	6	102 30	18 00	120 30
Phelps, James	Lawyer	Essex	Connecticut	330	6	33 00	18 00	51 00
Pope, John	Land Agent	Maquoketa	Iowa	1,100	6	110 00	18 00	128 00
Porter, Nathan	Lawyer	Cranston	Rhode Island	367	5	36 70	15 00	51 70
Prall, William H. H.	Sec. G. Lodge N. N. York	Albany	New York	342	6	34 20	18 00	52 20
Pruett, J. W.	Printer	Frankfort	Kentucky	717	6	71 70	18 00	89 70
Prime, Mark	Machinist	Saco	Maine	508	6	50 80	18 00	68 80
Rand Caleb	Printer	Charleston	Massachu'ts.	408	6	40 80	18 00	58 80
Rich, Thomas	Printer	Washington	Dis. of Col.	40	6	4 00	18 00	22 00
Robinson, E. C.	Dentist	Norfolk	Virginia	200	6	20 00	18 00	38 00
Robinson, J. H.	Tobacconist	Lynchburg	Virginia	317	6	31 70	18 00	59 70
Robinson, Prescott	Merchant	Sacramento	California	6,100	6	610 00	18 00	628 00
Schlig, John	Ship Carpenter	Racine	Wisconsin	976	6	97 60	18 00	115 60
Shackelford, Thomas	Lawyer	Canton	Mississippi	1,400	6	140 00	18 00	158 00

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NAMES.	PROFESSION.	Town.	State.	Distance from Baltimore.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage	Per Diem.	Total.
Starr, James E.	Merchant	Alton	Illinois	948	5	$94 80	$15 00	$109 80
Stetson, H. G.	Merchant	New Orleans	Louisiana	1,448	6	144 80	18 00	162 80
Stockbridge, Jason	Clerk	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	6	.....	18 00	18 00
Stuart, F. D.	Draughtsman	Washington	Dis. of Col.	40	6	4 00	18 00	22 00
Taylor, Wm. P.	Carpenter	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	98	6	9 80	18 00	27 80
Thayer, William	Bank Officer	Charleston	S. Carolina	710	6	71 00	18 00	89 00
Terry, John C.	Printer	St. Paul	Minnesota	1,473	6	147 30	18 00	165 30
Tucker, E. H.	Railroad Agent	Boston	Masssachu'ts	408	6	40 80	18 00	58 80
Tucker, I. M.	Clerk	Newark	New Jersey	184	4	18 40	12 00	30 40
Verner, Benjamin	Grand Secretary	Detroit	Michigan	900	4	90 00	12 00	102 00
Veitch, Isaac M.	Secretary Insurance Co.	St. Louis	Missouri	928	6	92 80	18 00	110 80
Wallace, John	Manufacturer	Ansonia	Connecticut	275	6	27 50	18 00	45 50
Washburn, Daniel	Clergyman	Pottsville	Pennsylvania	193	4	19 30	12 00	31 30
Webb, Wm. G.	Lawyer	La Grange	Texas	2,057	6	205 70	18 00	223 70
Wilkinson, D.	Merchant	Pawtucket	Rhode Island	369	6	36 90	18 00	54 90
Willard, Samuel	Physician	Jacksonville	Illinois	956	6	95 60	18 00	113 60
Wilcox, M. E.	Lawyer	Clarksville	Tennessee	1,200	6	120 00	18 00	138 00
Wolford, C.	Artist	Louisville	Kentucky	724	6	72 40	18 00	90 40
Woodbridge, F. E.	Lawyer	Vergennes	Vermont	493	5	49 30	15 00	64 30
Woolsey, Daniel	Merchant	Evansville	Indiana	836	6	83 60	18 00	101 60
Yale, Chauncy	Iron Founder	St. Catharines	Canada West	440	5	44 00	15 00	59 00
M. W. G. Sire Wm. Ellison	Treasurer	Boston	Massachu'tts	408	1	40 80	3 00	43 80
				92,486	579	$9,249 60	1,737 00	$10,996 83

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred an amendment to the constitution of Eagle Encampment, at Helena, Arkansas, subordinate to this Grand Lodge, report that they have considered the said amendment, but find it too indefinite in its terms for this Grand Lodge to act upon. They therefore respectfully recommend that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that the Encampment be directed to present its amendment in a more definite form

E. A. ELLIS,
E. C. ROBINSON,
W. K. EDWARDS,
JAMES B. KELLOGG.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, laid on the table an amendment proposing that the second section of the ninth article of the constitution shall read as follows:

"SECTION 2. Every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing shall be entitled to one vote in the Grand Lodge; every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing shall be entitled to two votes; and no State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than one Grand Representative at the same time."

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, also laid on the table an amendment proposing that the second section of the ninth article of the constitution shall read as follows:

"SECTION 2. Every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing shall be entitled to one vote in the Grand Lodge; every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing shall be entitled to two votes; and no State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than one Grand Representative at the same time: Provided, however, that any Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment shall be entitled to as many Grand Representatives as it may have votes, on assuming the payment of the mileage and per diem of the additional Grand Representative."

Rep. Earl, of Ohio, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That Rep. Verner, of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, be advised by the Grand Secretary that he has overcharged this body for two hundred and fifty-three miles' travel, and that he be requested to return the sum of twenty-five dollars and thirty cents, being the amount so overcharged by and paid to him.

Rep. Latham, of Virginia, moved to amend the resolution by striking out all after the word resolved and insert as follows:

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge who have at any time overdrawn for mileage be respectfully requested to refund the same, the Grand Secretary to keep an account of the amounts so refunded.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Latham—

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, moved the previous question. The main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. Latham?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Earl, of Ohio, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, when, on his motion, the rule was suspended and the report was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the resolution of Rep. Jones, of Oregon, (to be found on page 2803 of the Journal,) directing it to "inquire into the expediency of consolidating the Order in Oregon and Washington Territories into one Grand Lodge, provided that the *Subordinate Lodges* of Washington Territory assent thereto," ask leave to report that there can be no valid objection to the consolidation proposed, but, on the contrary, it appears to be both expedient and desirable. As the matter requires new legislation, your committee recommend its reference to the Legislative Committee, with instructions to report a law providing for such consolidation.

GEORGE W. CASSEDY,
S. CRAIGHEAD,
F. D. STUART,
H. F. ASKEW.

Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the inquiries of Rep. Robinson, of California, (page 2776 of the Journal) have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report—

That, in their opinion, any brother who acquires the semi-annual password improperly, and by making use of said password obtains relief from a Lodge of which he is not a member, is guilty of a double fraud on the Order, and should be required to refund the amount received to the Lodge from which he received it, and be punished by his own Lodge for the offence. It would not be proper to hold a Lodge responsible for funds obtained under such circumstances.

In answer to the second inquiry, the committee do not hesitate to say that it is competent for the Noble Grand of a Lodge to give the semi-annual password to a brother of another Lodge upon the written request of the Noble Grand, under seal of the Lodge of which said brother is a member.

S. CRAIGHEAD,
F. D. STUART,
GEORGE W. CASSEDY

Rep. Robinson, of California, moved to suspend the rule in order to consider the report; which was agreed to, and the report was considered, and on motion of Rep. Parker, of California, was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Pruett, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS Rep. Verner, of Michigan, has been by mistake overpaid the sum of twenty-five dollars and thirty cents, therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to advise Rep. Verner of the mistake and request him to refund the amount to the Grand Treasurer.

Rep. Garrett, of Iowa, moved to amend by striking out all after the word "resolved," and inserting the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to receive all moneys refunded by Representatives over-paid on mileage at the last session.

The amendment was agreed to, and the resolution as amended, was adopted:

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom the subject of the consolidation of the Order in Oregon and Washington Territories was referred, pursuant to a report of the Committee on the State of the Order made to-day, have considered the same, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the jurisdiction of Oregon Territory and the Subordinate Lodges in Washington Territory be and they are hereby consolidated into one jurisdiction, to be hailed as "*The Grand Lodge of Oregon and Washington;*" provided, that the assent of the Grand Lodge of Oregon and of the Subordinate Lodges of Washington Territory now existing be first had and obtained.

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
S. H. PARKER,
E. H. BARRY,
JOSHUA VANSANT.

On motion, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

On motion of Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, the rule requiring reports to lie over for one day was suspended for the remainder of the session.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the special order, viz: the consideration of reports of committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The first report, being from the Committee on Appeals, (page 2789) on the Appeal of Roger Williams Lodge, No. 3, of Rhode Island, was considered and adopted.

The next report being from the Legislative Committee, (page 2792) upon the resolution of Rep. Webb, of Texas, on the reconsideration of a ballot, to be found on page 2773, was considered.

Rep. Adams, of Kentucky, moved the previous question. The main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge concur in the report of the Legislative Committee and adopt the resolution accompanying?" which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Adams, of Kentucky, Askew, Bailey, Barber, Blake, Burbank, Clark, Cornwell, Craighead, (2 votes,) Davis, Eckel, (2 votes,) Ellis, Garrett, Gilmore, (2 votes,) Glenn, (2 votes,) Gorham, Heaton, Hunt, Kidder, Krogman, Latham, Lawrence, Lockett, Mitchell, Parker, Pope, Prall, Prime, (2 votes,) Rand, J. H. Robinson, Robinson, of California, Shackelford, Stetson, Thayer, Tucker, of Massachusetts, Wallace, Webb, Willard—43.

NAYS.—Adams, of Georgia, Armstrong, (2 votes,) Caldwell, Cassedy, (2 votes,) Clayton, (2 votes,) Conley, Dearborn, Edwards, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, (2 votes.) Harper, Hansford, Heisey, Hoke, Horner, Kennedy, Marley, Patten, Pruett, Rich, Stockbridge, Stuart, Taylor, (2 votes,) Terry, Vansant, Wilkinson, Wolford—32.

The next report, being from the same committee, (page 2792) on on the resolution of Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, touching the privilege of one Lodge to visit a sister Lodge of the same jurisdiction, was considered.

Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the committee be adopted, and that the subject be referred to the next communication of this R. W. Grand Body, with a view to the passage of a law applicable to the case.

The next report, being from the Committee on Finance, (page 2792) on the resolution of Rep. Parker, of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, (page 2793) recommending the payment of certain claims, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Returns of Subordinate Lodges, (same page) was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, (page 2794) on the returns of Subordinate Encampments, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on the State of the Order, (page 2796) upon the subject of revision of the secret work and a plan for merging the degrees, was considered.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, moved to indefinitely postpone the subject.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, moved the previous question. The main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the committee and the resolution accompanying, which was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Adams, of Georgia, Armstrong, (2 votes,) Askew, Bailey, Barber, Blake, Burbank, Caldwell, Cassedy, (2 votes,) Clark, Conley, Cornwell, Craighead, Dearborn, Earl, Eckel, (2 votes,) Garrett, Gerrish, Gilmore, (2 votes,) Glenn, (2 votes,) Gorham, (2 votes,) Harper, Hansford, Heaton, Heisey, Hodgson, Hoke, Ilsley, Kellogg, Krogman, Lawrence, Lockett, (2 votes,) McAuley,

Mitchell, Patten, Parker, Peers, (2 votes,) Pope, Prall, Pruett, Prime, Rand, Rich, Schlig, Shackelford, Stetson, Stuart, Thayer, (2 votes,) Tucker, of Massachusetts, Wallace, Wilkinson, Willard, Wilcox, (2 votes)—63.

NAYS.—Adams, of Kentucky, Barry, Clayton, (2 votes,) Davis, Edwards, Ellis, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, Herndon, Horner, Hunt, Kennedy, Latham, Marley, E. C. Robinson, J. H. Robinson, Robinson, of California, Stockbridge, Taylor, (2 votes,) Terry, Vansant, Wolford, Woolsey—25.

On motion, the blank in the resolution was filled with the number "five."

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Lodge receded from business for thirty minutes.

TWELVE-AND-A-HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess, and resumed the consideration of the special order, viz. reports of committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The next report, being from the Committee on Appeals, (page 2797) on the appeal of Independence Lodge, No. 55, of Pennsylvania, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Correspondence, (page 2801) was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2804) being from a minority of the committee on the State of the Order on the admission of the Polynesian race as members of the Order, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Parker, of California, the report of the majority of the Committee on the State of the Order, (page 2779) was taken up in connexion with the minority report—

When Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the consideration of the reports from the Committee of the State of the Order, in relation to the admission of the Polynesian race as members of our Order, be postponed until the next session.

The next report, (page 2805) from the Committee on Petitions, on the petition of Ancilla Encampment, Florida, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2806) being from the majority of the Legislative Committee on the subject of public installations, and also from the minority of the said committee on the same subject, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Barry, of Indiana, the subject was ordered to lie on the table.

The next report, from the Committee on the State of the Order, (page 2807) on the subject of inquiries submitted by Rep. Eckel and others, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Barry, of Indiana, so much of the report as refers to the inquiry emanating from the Grand Lodge of Kentucky and from the Grand Lodge of Delaware was recommitted to the committee.

The residue of the report was adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on the State of the Order,

(page 2807) on the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, touching benefits, was considered and adopted.

The Chair named the following as the committee provided for by the resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee of five to revise the secret work and to report a plan for merging the degrees to the next session: Reps. Cornwell, of Northern New York; Askew, of Delaware; Glenn, of Ohio; Fitzhugh, of Virginia; Kennedy, of Southern New York.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, asked to be excused from serving on the committee, which the Lodge declined.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, moved that the Grand Sire be authorized to enlarge the committee by the addition of two members of the Grand Lodge; which was resolved in the affirmative.

The Chair named the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary and P. G. Sire Moore as the additional members of the committee.

Rep. Earl, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are eminently due and are hereby tendered to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem for their indefatigable and efficient labors during the present session, and that the chairman be paid mileage and per diem while going to and from Washington.

The Lodge resumed the special order, being the reports of committees.

The next report, (page 2807) being from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of George Williams, of Honolulu, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, (page 2808) on the appeal of P. G. George Strong, of South Carolina, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2812) being from the majority Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of Patuxent Lodge, of the jurisdiction of Maryland, and the minority report of the same committee, (page 2814) was considered.

On motion to adopt the resolution accompanying the majority report, Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, moved to strike out all after the word "Resolved" in the resolution accompanying the report of the majority and insert the resolution accompanying the minority report; which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the report of the majority of the committee and the resolution accompanying—

Rep. Armstrong, of Illinois, moved to reconsider the vote just had, rejecting the amendment offered by the Representative of Southern New York; which was not agreed to.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the resolution accompanying the report of the majority of the committee—

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, moved the previous question. The main question was ordered and was put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report and resolution of the majority of the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the constitution of Polynesian Encampment, was considered and adopted.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Askew, of Delaware, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom the inquiries of Rep. Eckel, of Delaware, were recommitted, (found on page 2770 Journal,) respectfully report that to the first inquiry they reply "that the local laws of the several States regulate the conferring of benefits upon its members." (See Digest, page 158.) It is therefore a subject for local legislation. To the second inquiry we reply that we are unable (from the time allotted us) to find any law which would authorize a Grand Lodge or Grand Master to grant such dispensation as will enable a Subordinate Lodge to suspend the payment of its weekly benefits. We are therefore of the opinion that it is improper to grant such dispensation.

H. F. ASKEW,
F. D. STUART,
GEO. W. CASSEDY.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order respectfully report that they have considered the inquiry submitted by Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, (found on page 2770 of Journal,) namely, "has a Subordinate Lodge the right to make investments of its funds other than by a two-thirds vote?" and that this Grand Lodge has no control over the matter, as it is exclusively for local legislation.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
H. F. ASKEW,
F. D. STUART.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the reports of committees.

The next report, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the constitution of Eagle Encampment of Arkansas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, on the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, on the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, (page 2674 of the Journal of last session,) was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the constitution and by-laws of Nebraska City Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the inquiries of Rep. Robinson, of California, was considered, and

On motion of Rep. Robinson, of California, to adopt the same—

Rep. Parker, of California, moved to recommit it to the committee with instructions to report "that it would be proper to hold a Lodge accountable for funds obtained by its membership from another Lodge under such circumstances."

The question being on the resolution to recommit with instructions:

Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, moved the previous question. The main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted, and taken rising:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are eminently due and are hereby most freely and cordially tendered to the Most Worthy Grand Sire, Geo. W. Race, for the able, dignified, courteous, and perfectly impartial manner in which he has presided over its deliberations during the present session.

The hour fixed for adjournment *sine die*, 3½ o'clock, having arrived—

The R. W. Grand Chaplain, Bro. James D. McCabe, addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, before whom angels and archangels bow their jeweled brows, and the whole company of Heaven worship and adore, we the creatures of thy creation, the erring children of thy fatherly love, offer before thee our hearty and grateful thanks for the kind Providence which has been over us during the present session, for the peace and harmony which have prevailed, and for the fraternal feelings and deep attachments which have been cultivated; and as we have met as brothers, so may we part, refreshed and strengthened for our labors of Friendship, Love, and Truth.

Let thy blessing, O Father, rest upon the labors in which we have been engaged; may they tend to strengthen the links of Odd-Fellowship, and bind in harmony and usefulness our large family of brethren, "like the *waves many*, like the *ocean one*." And now, O Father, that our labors are over, and the parting hour has come, we ask thy protection to be extended over these brethren while exposed to the perils and dangers of travel, both by sea and land; restore them to their families and friends in health and happiness. And finally, when we have passed the wilderness of this world, accomplished the work thou hast given us to do, may we be permitted to join the *band* of conquering pilgrims, and enter upon the eternal rest of the good, the pure, and the holy; and with the glorious company who praise thee we will unite our adorations and praise, forever and forever —Amen.

Whereupon, by order of the Most Worthy Grand Sire, the Deputy Grand Sire proclaimed the Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. and R. Sec'ry.*

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INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

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Florida—P. G. Asa B. Clark.....Tallahassee.
Arkansas—P. G. M. John S. Horner.....Helena.
New Mexico—P. G. John B. Grason.....Santa Fe.
Lower Provinces—P. G. E. G. Fuller.....Halifax, N. S.

Sandwich Islands—P. G. R. A. S. Wood....Honolulu.
Oregon Territory—P. G. E. M. Barnum....Salem.
Nebraska Territory—P. G. Chas. F. Holly.Nebraska city.
Kansas Territory—P. G. Richard R. Rees..Leavenworth city.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey.....Baltimore, Maryland.
" " Samuel H. Perkins.....Philadelphia, Penn.
" " Zenas B. Glazier.....Wilmington, Delaware
" " John A. Kennedy.....New York city.
" " Howell Hopkins.....Philadelphia, Penn.
" " Thomas Sherlock.....Cincinnati, Ohio.
" " Horn R. Kneass.....Philadelphia, Penn.
" " William W. Moore.....Washington, D. C.
" " Wilmot G. DeSaussure.....Charleston, S. Carolina
" " William Ellison.....Boston, Massachusetts

S. Longhead.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

Grand Lodge of the United States,

Held in the City of Baltimore, September, 1858.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1858—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the Annual Communication, when, upon a call of the roll, the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS.

GEORGE W. RACE,.....M. W. Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
A. M. FOUTE.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
SOLOMON H. LEWYT.....W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....W. Grand Messenger.

And Representatives from twenty-four Grand Lodges and fourteen Grand Encampments as follows:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. Francis A. Ellis.....Maryland.
P. G. M. Caleb Rand.....Massachusetts.
P. G. M. John G. Clayton.....Southern New York
P. G. M. F. M. Foster.....Michigan.
P. G. M. John W. Hodgson.....District of Columbia.
P. D. G. M. Thomas N. Blake.....Louisiana.
P. G. M. Geo. W. Cassedy.....New Jersey.
P. G. Charles Wolford.....Kentucky.
P. G. M. Jacob H. Robinson.....Virginia.
P. G. M. Milton Herndon.....Indiana.
P. G. M. L. K. Barber.....Mississippi.
P. D. G. M. Valentine C. Peers.....Missouri.
P. G. M. Perry A. Armstrong.....Illinois.
P. G. M. William Thayer.....South Carolina.
P. G. M. E. Wilcox.....Tennessee.
P. G. M. Wm. J. Hoke.....North Carolina.
P. G. M. Joseph Kidder.....New Hampshire.
P. G. James B. Kellogg.....Wisconsin.
P. G. M. John Pope.....Iowa.
P. G. William I. Cornwell.....Northern New York.
P. G. Asa B. Clarke.....Florida.
P. G. John E. Terry.....Minnesota.
P. G. E. G. Fuller.....Lower Provinces.
P. G. Chauncy Yale.....Canada West.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. G. P. Richard Marley.....Maryland.
P. G. P. E. H. Tucker, Jr.....Massachusetts.
P. G. S. John A. Kennedy.....Southern New York.
P. G. William Taylor.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. P. Thomas Rich.....District of Columbia.
P. G. P. Henry F. Askew.....Delaware.
P. G. P. Alexander E. Glenn.....Ohio.
P. G. Isaac M. Tucker.....New Jersey.
P. G. M. E. C. Robinson.....Virginia.
P. G. M. Wm. K. Edwards.....Indiana.
P. G. P. E. D. Farnsworth.....Tennessee.
P. G. M. Daniel Wilkinson.....Rhode Island.
P. G. P. Stillman S. Davis.....New Hampshire.
P. G. M. Dexter Gilmore.....Northern New York.

A quorum being present, the M. W. G. Sire, with the sanction of the Grand Lodge, appointed P. G. M. Caleb Rand, of Massachusetts, R. W. Grand Chaplain, *p. t.*, and P. G. Benjamin Conley, of Georgia, R. W. D. Grand Sire, *p. t.*

The Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified; whereupon, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by P. G. M. Caleb Rand, R. W. Grand Chaplain, *p. t.*

The Chair announced the following Committee on Credentials: Reps. Armstrong, of Illinois; Tucker, of New Jersey; Barber, of Mississippi; Fuller, of Lower Provinces; Peers, of Missouri.

Rep. Gilmore, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed who shall draw for the seats to be occupied by the respective jurisdictions during the present session, after the manner heretofore adopted and pursued.

The Chair named Reps. Gilmore, of Northern New York; Mitchell, of South Carolina; Rich, of District of Columbia, as the committee.

On motion of Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, that the Grand Lodge take a recess for thirty minutes for the purpose of allowing the Committee on Credentials and the Committee on allotting Seats of Members an opportunity to prepare their reports, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The half hour of recess having expired, the Lodge re-assembled, when—

Rep. Gilmore, of Northern New York, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, and the members were seated in conformity thereto:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee appointed by this R. W. Grand Body to draw for seats, to be occupied by the respective jurisdictions during the present session, have performed their duty with the following result:

Minnesota.....1	Mississippi.....54, 55, 56
British Lower Provinces 2	Alabama 57, 58, 59
Indiana.....3, 4, 5, 6	Oregon.....60
New Jersey.....7, 8, 9	Maine.....61, 62, 63
Tennessee.....10, 11, 12	Iowa.....64, 65, 66
Florida.....13	South Carolina.....67, 68, 69
Delaware.....14, 15, 16	Texas.....70, 71, 72
Arkansas 17	Wisconsin 73, 74, 75
Illinois.....18, 19, 20, 21	Maryland.....76, 77, 78, 79
North Carolina.....22, 23 24	Massachusetts.....80, 81, 82
District of Columbia.....25, 26, 27	Connecticut.....83, 84, 85
Georgia.....28, 29, 30, 31	Rhode Island.....86, 87
Canada West.....32	Michigan 88, 89, 90
Louisiana.....33, 34, 35, 36	Ohio.....91, 92, 93, 94
Virginia.....37, 38, 39, 40	Pennsylvania.....95, 96, 97, 98
California.....41, 42, 43	New Hampshire.....99, 100, 101
Kentucky.....44, 45, 46	Southern New York.....102, 103, 104
Missouri.....47, 48, 49	Vermont.....105
Northern New York.....50, 51, 52, 53	

Respectfully submitted.

D. GILMORE,
ED. MITCHELL,
THOS. RICH.

Rep. Armstrong, of Illinois, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report on the credentials of new members:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, Committee on Credentials, have examined the following, and find them correct:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. Philo White.....California.
P. G. Samuel E. May.....Oregon.
P. G. M. Wm. Crutcher.....Mississippi.
P. G. Jno. D. Rodney, (for unexpired term of C. A. Cowgill).....Delaware.
P. G. M. Amos Shinkle.....Kentucky.
P. G. M. S. B. Straw, (for unexpired term of E. P. Gerrish).....Maine.
P. G. M. James Phelps, (in place of S. B. Gorham, resigned).....Connecticut.
D. G. M. Edward P. Burnham.....Maine.
P. G. M. Wm. R. Tapley.....New Hampshire.
P. G. Robt. B. Boylston.....South Carolina.
P. G. John A. Brewster.....California.
P. G. Jonathan S. Whitaker.....New Jersey.
P. G. M. Henry Clark, (vice F. E. Woodbridge, resigned).....Vermont.
P. G. M. Edward H. Fitzhugh.....Virginia.
P. G. M. James H. Stewart.....Indiana.
P. G. M. Isaac M. Veitch.....Missouri.
P. G. Jno. W. Dwinelle.....Northern New York.
P. G. M. Minot T. Lane.....Michigan.
P. G. M. Augustus C. Marsh.....Illinois.
P. G. M. Henry Armington, (vice Nathan Porter).Rhode Island.
P. G. Alexander McKinstry.....Alabama.
P. G. M. A. A. Barnes.....Tennessee.
P. G. L. B. Hills.....Wisconsin.
P. G. M. H. G. Stetson.....Louisiana.
P. G. M. Eliphalett G. Storer.....Connecticut.
P. G. Henry E. Lockett.....Texas.
P. G. M. Geo. W. Adams.....Georgia.
P. G. Wm. H. Young.....Maryland.
P. G. M. Chas. E. Buckingham.....Massachusetts.
P. G. M. D. W. C. Langdon.....Southern New York.
P. G. J. J. Lints.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. Joseph Richardson.....Delaware.
P. G. M. Samuel Craighead.....Ohio.
P. G. M. F. D. Stuart.....District of Columbia.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. G. E. P. Hunt.....Texas.
P. G. Lemuel C. Zimmerman.....Pennsylvania.

P. G. H. P. C. C. Archer*.....Missouri.
P. G. P. Edward Mitchell.....South Carolina.
P. G. P. W. B. Mason.....Kentucky.
P. G. P. Amasa S. Barry.....Illinois.
P. G. William W. Danenhower.....Illinois.
P. G. T. Rogers Johnson.....California.
P. G. P. Joseph J. T. Wilson.....Alabama.
P. G. P. Thomas H. Sheilds.....Louisiana.
P. G. M. Volney Green.....Wisconsin.
G. Sec. William Garrett.....Iowa.
P. G. P. Charles C. Jackson.....Connecticut.
P. G. Jacob H. Clemmer.....Ohio.
P. G. P. Jonathan S. Harvey.....Indiana.
P. G. Benjamin Conley.....Georgia.
P. G. M. Israel Robinson.....Virginia.
P. G. P. Joseph B. Escavaille.....Maryland.

The committee are unable to find the certificate of election of R. A. Caldwell, of North Carolina, but ascertain from the printed Journal of the R. W. Grand Lodge of North Carolina that Bro. Caldwell was duly elected on the 26th day of November last for a term of two years, and recommend that he be received and take his seat as one of the Representatives from said jurisdiction.

Your committee also report that they do not find the certificate of election of P. G. P. R. D. Howe, from the Grand Encampment of Mississippi, but find a telegram from the Grand Scribe of said jurisdiction announcing his election, and they recommend that he be received and take his seat to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of J. H. Lawrence, from said jurisdiction.

We further report that there is a certificate of the appointment of Charles Nutter, from the Grand Encampment of Maine, to fill the place of Daniel L. Choate, which certificate is not properly authenticated—seal pasted on—we, however, recommend his reception.

We find the following Grand Bodies delinquent:

Wisconsin Grand Lodge for note on A. J. Langworthy of $384.43, which was given the Grand Corresponding Secretary for balance of supplies, which note was protested, but the Wisconsin delegation promise to make the amount good immediately on their return home. The Representatives state that they expected that said note had been paid, or that they would have come provided to meet it.

We also find the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, delinquent $52.50, for balance due on books.

Grand Lodge of Arkansas for Representative tax $75, and books $15—making $90.

Grand Lodge of Nebraska for Representative tax $75, cards $30, books $101.75, odes $5—making a total of $211.75.

Grand Lodge of Kansas for Representative tax $75, books $356.25, cards $80, odes $23—total, $534.25.

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*Not present in 1857—S. H. Baily acting last year by appointment.

Grand Encampment of North Carolina for balance on account $126, Representative tax $75—total, $201—all of which is unexplained, except Grand Lodge of Wisconsin and Tennessee.

We also find Northern New York Grand Encampment indebted in the sum of $75, with a draft for that amount, which we recommend be received as money.

Also, we find Grand Encampment of Virginia deficient for Representative tax, with draft for said amount, which we recommend be received as paid.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. A. ARMSTRONG,
ISAAC M. TUCKER,
E. G. FULLER,
V. C. PEERS.
L. K. BARBER.

On motion of Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, the report was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Askew, of Delaware, the reading of the minutes of the last session was dispensed with, and the minutes as printed, were adopted.

The Chair announced the following telegraphic despatch, touching the absence of Deputy Grand Sire Senter:

LYNN, SEPTEMBER 20, 1858.

To James L. Ridgely.

School duties forbid my presence in the Grand Lodge to-day.

TIMOTHY G. SENTER.

The M. W. Grand Sire submitted his annual report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

REPRESENTATIVES AND BRETHREN: The return of autumn again finds you at the post of honorable duty, ready to render an account of your stewardship for the past and to assist in devising the surest means for gathering a still more bountiful harvest in the future.

The first duty of grateful hearts is to render homage and adoration to THE SUPREME GRAND SIRE OF THE UNIVERSE for HIS continued approbation and protection to us and to that *noble Charity* for which we are laboring; for without His Fatherly care and love our beloved ORDER could not, in so few years, have grown from weakness to strength, from poverty to wealth, and from one man now to number hundreds of thousands.

Although this year's harvest may not be so abundant as that of some former years, yet there is no less cause for congratulation and thank offerings. True prosperity is not always evidenced by increased numbers. The refining and purifying process—the trying of the metal in the crucible and the separating of the dross from the pure gold, is as necesssary in Odd-Fellowship as in any other human institution.

History will characterize the nineteenth century as "The Age of Associations," or "The Age of Societies;" and yet, out of the hun-

dred and one "Societies" that are now putting forth pretensions to public favor, there are but few worthy of the name of *Charity*, and entitled to the aid and sympathy of *humanity*. As in popular governments the masses follow a phantom for a time, but soon right themselves, so in these mushroon societies that have filled this country during the last few years. Even good Odd-Fellows have been attracted thither by their "*ignis fatuus*," but must soon leave their bacchanalian halls and obscene representations in disgust, to again become co-laborers in this great cause of humanity. But these bacchanalian revelries and kindred mock associations have a still more baneful influence upon the minds of those dupes, who are not Odd-Fellows or Free Masons, by leading them to believe that all "secret societies" are similar in character, and are alike unworthy of their admiration and support. This erroneous view is confirmed by seeing around them known members of our Order, actively engaged in demonstrating the rare qualities of the "*Maltese*," or pleased spectators and enthusiastic congratulators of the persons "sold!" That man who continues to co-operate with such associations, after the baneful influences have been pointed out to him, ceases to be an Odd-Fellow in spirit and in truth. Whilst we have our forms and ceremonies, our signs and passwords, whereby we recognise each other, ours is no fancy association, with gewgaws to attract and catch the silly and thoughtless. But it addresses itself at once to the nobler and higher attributes of our nature. It is the high if not the distinguishing characteristic of an Odd-Fellow to believe that among the most acceptable services which man can render his God is relief to his fellow man. And the exercise of this unselfish philanthropy is emphatically his mission.

Yes, Odd-Fellowship is founded upon that eternal principle which, recognising man as a constituent of one universal brotherhood, teaches him that, as he came from the hands of a common parent, he is bound to cherish and to protect his fellow man. It thus presents a broad platform upon which mankind may unite in offices of human benefaction. Based upon certain truths, which are alike axioms among all nations, tongues, and creeds, its sacred tolerance presents a nucleus which, by its gentle influences, gathers within its orbit antagonist natures; controls the elements of discord; stills the storm and soothes the spirit of passion; and directs in harmony man's united efforts to fraternize the world. Like truth, Odd-Fellowship cannot lose by investigation and comparison, and must finally triumph and prevail.

Representatives: In our retrospect of the past year we are called to mourn the loss of four distinguished brethren, once members of this Grand Lodge.

P. G. M. Daniel Hersey was the first Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and was one of the most faithful, devoted, and beloved Odd-Fellows in that jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was organized on the 9th of June, 1832, and on its re-organization in December, 1841, P. G. M. Daniel Hersey was again elected Grand Master. He was first Noble Grand of Massachusetts Lodge, which was self-instituted by Bro. J. B. Barnes and four

associates in 1819, almost simultaneously with the institution of Washington Lodge at the house of Bro. William Lupton in Baltimore. He was also for several years a Grand Representative to this Grand Lodge, and during his long career he was ever prompt in his attendance, not only on the meetings of his Grand Lodge, but also on those of his own Subordinate Lodge. During his last illness, and when the infirmity of years and the ravages of disease were inviting him to the contemplation of other worlds, his mind reverted to the subject of Odd-Fellowship, and he breathed a prayer from the fullness of his heart that it might continue to grow and prosper to the last syllable of recorded time. He died with the parting benediction of the Order in Massachusetts, "Well done good and faithful servant."

The Order in that jurisdiction has also sustained a great loss in the sudden decease of P. G. Rep. William A. Bell. He served with us during the sessions of 1854 and 1855, and the latter year was upon the Committee on Credentials, and also one of the special committee to consider the propriety of allowing the Order in California to admit to membership brothers not in possession of clearance cards. Bro Bell had also been Grand Master of Massachusetts, and was much beloved by those who knew him.

Connecticut has followed to the silent mansion of the dead G. Rep John Wallace, whose silver voice was heard in this hall during your last communication, and who served as one of the "Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented." His quiet and unobtrusive manner, his close attention to the business of this Grand Lodge, and his manly bearing in his intercourse with his brethren won for him their confidence and esteem.

In the demise of P. G. Sire Howell Hopkins, the large and flourishing jurisdiction of Pennsylvania has lost its most eminent and faithful son, and the Order of Odd-Fellows a long tried and trusty servant, who fills a large and honorable space in its history. Perhaps with but few exceptions no man living or dead has done more for Odd-Fellowship than this distinguished brother. He was an active and most efficient member of this Grand Lodge from its infancy until long after the expiration of the term of his office as the seventh Grand Sire. During his long life spent in the service of our Order, devoted to the advancement of Friendship and Love, Benevolence and Charity, he served in every capacity, and filled every office with honor to himself and with profit to Odd-Fellowship.

Whilst our bosoms are heaving with manly emotion, and our eyes are bedewed with the sympathetic tear, let us not forget to give proper expression of condolence to these bereft jurisdictions, and to the disconsolate relatives of these our distinguished dead.

From the very able and interesting report of the R. W. G. Corresponding and Recording Secretary may be gleaned the gratifying intelligence that the "Order" is in a healthy and prosperous condition. And owing to the completeness of detail so graphically set forth by that long tried, ever faithful and able officer, it is only necessary for me to notice those things which received my official action.

Since your last communication warrants have been issued for the establishment of two Grand Lodges, viz: January 8, 1858, one was forwarded to Bro. Charles F. Holly, D. D. Grand Sire, for, and was by him instituted at Nebraska city, on the 27th day of April last, to be known and hailed as the "Grand Lodge of Nebraska;" and on the 8th of February, 1858, one was forwarded to Bro. J. C. Hemingray, for, and was by him instituted at Tecumseh, on the 2d of June, to be known and hailed as the "Grand Lodge of Kansas." When last heard from there were five Subordinate Lodges in each of these new jurisdictions, all in a flourishing condition, and doubtless before your next annual session the Lodges and membership will more than have doubled their present numbers.

I submit herewith a letter from Bro. Amory Holbrook, dated Oregon city, October 1, 1857, and accompanying documents, showing that by virtue of a dispensation granted by my predecessor, he had, on the 25th day of September last, instituted Ellison Encampment, No. 1, and installed the officers at that place. Let us hope it may never tarnish the honorable *name* it bears, and bring forth good fruit an hundred fold.

In the exercise of the discretion granted by the constitution, I found it my duty to apply the "pruning knife" and cut off, as dead branches, Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, and Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, located at Santa Fe, in the Territory of New Mexico. This was done at the request of D. D. G. Sire John B. Grason, who had charge of that remote and experimental enterprise, and who reported said Lodge and Encampment to have ceased to fulfill their high mission. On the 9th day of June I sent a commission to him to demand the surrender of their charters, and requested him to forward the same, together with their effects, to the R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary, at Baltimore. In his reply, dated July 13th, he states that the Noble Grand of Montezuma Lodge was absent, and that upon his return he would demand the surrender of its charter, &c., and make an immediate report of his acts in the premises. He further states that there is a fine prospect of an early application for the return of the charter for Ridgely Encampment, and with the view thereto he will retain in his keeping the charters, jewels, books, &c. This able and prompt officer reports Paradise Lodge, of that jurisdiction, to be in a prosperous condition.

From the interesting report of D. D. Grand Sire, Bro. R. A. S. Wood, of the jurisdiction of the "Sandwich Islands," will be learned the gratifying intelligence that whilst "Pacific Lodge, No. 2," has been compelled to suspend its meetings and surrender its charter, the Order is in a highly prosperous condition, and that it has a "Hall Fund" of $4,000, with which a stone hall, to be dedicated to the business and purposes of Odd-Fellowship, is about to be erected at Honolulu.

Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, at Honolulu, has sent up to this Grand Lodge two memorials—one requesting the modification of the law prohibiting the initiation of candidates at places remote from their residence without the consent of the Grand Lodge of the place where such candidates reside, and the other desiring the modification of the

constitution of this Grand Lodge, and the adoption of the minority report of G. Rep. F. D. Stuart, made at the last session, to admit the Polynesian race into our Order.

I have not been advised of any action taken by the Grand Lodge of Oregon and the Subordinate Lodges of Washington Territory upon the resolution of last session, page 2827 of the Journal, for their consolidation into one jurisdiction, to be hailed as "The Grand Lodge of Oregon and Washington."

At the last session of this Grand Lodge the following resolution was unanimously adopted, viz:

"*Resolved*, That a suitable testimonial be and is hereby voted to G. Rep. F. D. Stuart, for his invaluable services in digesting and arranging the secret work of the Order."

The Grand Officers, your committee to carry out this resolution, have performed that pleasant duty, by procuring and presenting to Bro. F. D. Stuart, a beautiful silver "tea set," engraved on one side of the urn, "Presented to P. G. M. F. D. Stuart by the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., for meritorious services, September session, 1857," and on the converse, "M. W. G. S. G. W. Race, R. W. D. G. S. T. G. Senter, R. W. G. C. and R. Sec., J. L. Ridgely, R. W. G. T. J. Vansant, committee." My residence being too remote to afford me the opportunity of a personal participation in this labor of love, I requested my colleagues, G. Rep. Vansant and G. Sec. Ridgely, to act for me; and I take this occasion not only to ratify their acts, done in my name, but to thank them for their kindness towards me, and for the fidelity with which they have executed their commission; trusting at the same time that the manner in which your committee have discharged their sacred trust may be as acceptable to *donors* and to *donee* as the task was pleasant and agreeable to themselves and the testimonial was merited by the honored recipient.

The Representatives will be pleased to see among the portraits of the Past Grand Sires suspended upon these walls, the familiar features of P. G. Sire William Ellison, procured in compliance to a resolution unanimously adopted on the first day of your last session. May the sight of those manly features ever remind us of the ability, zeal, and fidelity to the Order which so characterized and distinguished that eminent brother for so many years of his useful life, and stimulate us to emulate his example.

All the correspondence of this office—the letters received and the answers given thereto, together with the reports from the D. D. G. Sires, are respectfully submitted herewith for your inspection and investigation.

The following are the only points decided during recess (except those contained in my report for secret session,) that require reporting:

First. That upon principle a Grand Master should not hold office in his Subordinate Lodge or in a Degree Lodge. But that it was a subject for local legislation, and in the absence of any local prohibi-

tion "he might hold any such office as would not in any way interfere with his official business."

Second. That where "a Noble Grand obtains leave of absence from his Lodge for three months and overstays his time, being absent for a majority of the nights in the *term*, his office is declared vacant by a vote of the Lodge and a Past Grand elected to his vacancy, the Lodge cannot, by the resignation of the latter and the re-election of the former for the remainder of that term, make him a Past Grand entitled to the honors of a Past Noble Grand"—as this would permit him to take advantage of his own wrong and accomplish indirectly that which the law prohibited him from doing directly.—*(See Journal G. L. U. S., page* 1886, 1898 *and* 2781.*)*

Third. That where there are two halls in the same city, in which the Grand Encampment had held sessions, it would be the duty of the Grand Patriarch, in the absence of any legislation on the subject, to call the next meeting in that hall where it held the last session; unless there was some cause for changing the place of meeting to the other hall.

Fourth. That the place designated in the charter or constitution for the meetings of a Grand Encampment can be changed by a vote of that body with the same facility that a by-law or rule of order could be altered, provided it be done in conformity to the rules laid down in its constitution for such change.—*(Pages* 1839 *and* 1897.*)*

Fifth. That an "Ancient Odd-Fellow" is one who has been regularly initiated into the Order and retired therefrom in good standing, either by taking his "permanent" or "withdrawal card," or by "resignation." If done by resignation he at once becomes an "Ancient Odd-Fellow," and if by taking a permanent card he becomes so at the expiration of one year from the date of his card.

Sixth. That a District Deputy Grand Master has not the right to introduce visitors whose cards are out of date. That power being restricted by law to "Elective Grand Officers."

Seventh. That "the position of a member in his Subordinate Lodge, during the pendency of charges for unworthy conduct up to the time the Lodge takes final action thereon," is a matter for local legislation. But, in the absence of such local laws, he should be debarred the right to sick benefits, the right to a visiting or permanent card, the right to speak, except in his own defence when on trial, and the right to vote, &c.

Eighth. That where the by-laws of a Subordinate Lodge read "that every member, &c. against whom there is no charge shall be entitled to benefits," "a brother who is not entitled to sick benefits by reason of the non-payment of his dues cannot, during his sickness, by the payment of all arrearages, reinstate himself in good standing in his Lodge, so as to be entitled to benefits during that illness."

Ninth. That where the constitution of a Lodge requires "a majority of the votes cast to elect to office," there being two candidates for the same office, one having received twenty-seven, the other twenty-six votes, and one blank vote, there was no legal election; as twenty-seven

is not a majority of fifty-four; and that a vote in blank is as much a vote to be counted as though it had the name of a candidate upon it."

Tenth. That "a Lodge in surrendering its charter and effects should also relinquish into the control and custody of the Grand Lodge its available and unavailable funds."

Eleventh. That "the law relating to re-admission of members suspended for non-payment of dues (page 2665, Journal G. L. U. S., session of 1856) refers to all Subordinate Lodges," whether under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge or State Grand Lodges.

Twelfth. That "where the Grand Lodge of the United States pass any law, or make any decision, providing that a Subordinate Lodge *shall have power* to do certain things, which are denied to the Subordinate by a clause in its constitution, framed years since, the Lodge may disregard said prohibitory clause, and do those things expressly allowed by this Grand Lodge, without becoming amenable to the laws of its Grand Lodge." The constitution and laws of this Grand Lodge are paramount to all State laws, and the latter, so far as they conflict with the former, must yield to them.

Thirteenth. That "where the books of a defunct Lodge have been lost or destroyed, a brother who was a member thereof, and is not in possession of his permanent card or certificate of membership from the Grand Secretary, cannot, as the law now stands, be received into any other Lodge as an Ancient Odd-Fellow." This seems to call for new legislation. I, therefore, commend the subject to your calm consideration.

The financial condition of this Grand Lodge again demands wise deliberation During the year, at the request of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, I found it necessary to issue the following notes of this Grand Lodge, to enable that efficient and liberal officer (who had advanced from his own individual funds $2,100 to pay the mileage and per diem of last session) to protect its credit and pay its obligations, viz:

On the 5th day of November I signed two notes, one at four months for the sum of $850, and the other at three months for the sum of $650, both dated Baltimore, October, 26, 1857, and payable to the order of Joshua Vansant, Grand Treasurer.

On the 29th day of December I signed two notes, one dated October 15th, for $500, and the other dated November 16, 1857, for $500, both payable to the order of James Young, six months after date.

And on the 4th day of June, 1858, I signed a note payable at ninety days to the order of Joshua Vansant, Grand Treasurer, for the sum of $750. All of these notes, as I am informed by the Grand Treasurer, have been paid and cancelled by him.

From the annual report of the able and efficient Right Worthy Grand Treasurer you will perceive that at the close of the last session, after paying the necessary expenses thereof, including printing of the Journal, &c., there was a deficiency in the treasury of about $3,500, and that he estimates the deficiency at the close of this session at about $3,000. This shows the receipts of the year to have been a little more than the expenditures, and might be regarded, by the

superficial observer, as conclusive evidence of a sound and healthy financial condition. But, when it is remembered that two new Grand Lodges have been instituted during the year; that two new Grand Encampments may be expected in these jurisdictions during the next year; that each succeeding year will add new Grand Bodies to the already widely extended jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; and that all these new grand jurisdictions are, and must of necessity continue to be, very remote from this Grand Lodge, it can but be perceived that upon the introduction of a few Representatives from these new and distant jurisdictions, their mileage would absorb more than double the amount contributed by them to the funds of the Grand Treasury, and thus, in a few years, under the present legislation, your finances would be in a worse condition than at any former period. By way of illustration, take the old and flourishing, but not very remote, jurisdiction of Missouri, and we find that during the past two years she has paid into about the same amount she has drawn out of the Grand Treasury. In other words, she has but barely supported herself. And if a jurisdiction no farther off, and so favorably situated, cannot contribute to the augmentation of the funds, what must be the condition of those jurisdictions so much more remote? Then take the distant jurisdictions of "California" and "Oregon," and we find that whilst the former contributed in 1856 the sum of $689, and in 1857 the sum of $841.83, she drew therefrom in 1856 the sum of $1,859.60 and in 1857 the sum of $1,879.30. The latter contributed in 1856 the sum of $80 and in 1857 the sum of $150, and drew therefrom in 1856 the sum of $696 and in 1857 the sum of $715. Making in two years an overdraft or tax upon the Treasury of this Grand Lodge, by the former of $2,208.07, and by the latter of $1,181.

Thus it appears that the two jurisdictions of "Oregon" and "California," with but *four* Representatives, have cost this Grand Lodge, in *two* years, the sum of $3,389 more than their contributions; and, within the next two years, instead of *four* Representatives from these two jurisdictions, they will send *eight* Representatives, and cost this Grand Lodge as much annually as they have during the past two years. These examples are sufficient to demonstrate that in proportion as our Order expands, under the present system, will the finances of the Grand Lodge fall short the more to meet its expenses?

This has been a fruitful subject for agitation for some years past, and yet no permanent relief has been devised. It has given rise to the vexed question of "mergement," and in that form will be prominently presented to your calm consideration at this session by the report of the committee of seven upon "revision and mergement." Believing that there is a difference of opinion among the members of that committee, and that different plans will be presented as the result of their labors, and not being advised of the nature of all those plans, it is not possible for me to discuss and present my views of them as I desired to have done. But, from the character of that committee, composed as it is of seven brethren distinguished alike for talent, great

experience, and untiring devotion to the best interests of our Order, and ready at all times to sacrifice individual opinions and preferences for the common weal, I doubt not that a plan or plans will be devised, digested, and presented that will not only demand, as I know they will receive, your calm and serious deliberation, but will ultimately lead to the adoption of some system that will wisely settle this difficult subject, and place the Order upon a permanent basis, with ample ability to admit and sustain all new jurisdictions that may grow up on this Continent.

Representatives: With the close of this session our official connection will forever cease. By a wise and economical change in your constitution last year, which received the support and approval of all the Grand Officers, my successor will be installed into office at the close of this, instead of at the beginning of your next session. By this change in the organic law the old Grand Officers are spared the time and this Grand Lodge the expense of their return at the next session, for no other purpose than to induct into office their successors. The time for this change is most opportune, for whilst by it I am relieved from the superintendence of the Order during the next year, still I will have performed as much labor as any of my predecessors by presiding over this Grand Lodge during *three* full sessions.

For the unsolicited and distinguished honors so lavishly bestowed permit me to return my sincere thanks. In the discharge of the various intricate and delicate duties pertaining to this office, doubtless I have erred; if so, be assured it was the head and not the heart that went astray. For in vain have I probed my heart to discover any other feelings than those of kindness and love towards all whom I have ever met beneath the shadow of this great "Tent." I have found you not only good Odd-Fellows, but practising that Scriptural injunction, "Forgive thy brother unto seventy times seven." The remembrance of all these things, my brethren, will ever be fresh upon the tablet of my heart, and I trust will have a benign influence in directing my steps through after life.

Brethren, let me conjure you to be faithful to our sacred trust and "high calling"—to remember that to illumine the shadowy vista of the future and prepare the soul for heaven is the mission of another and holier institution; that the work of the Odd-Fellow is while the diamond-gemmed curtain of night robes her silver queen in glory; while the virgin rays of the rising sun are lapping the dew-drop from the folded petals of the yet slumbering flowers; while outer darkness shrouds the world in gloom; while the storm lashes the foaming waters, and the affrighted forest wails its crashing dirge of despair; while presumptive arrogance stalks abroad in rich attire, and squalid misery lies unrelieved in the hovel; and wherever along the slippery and uncertain pathway of life the bruised heart pants for deliverance, or misfortune has placed her signet; wherever a parched lip or fevered brow needs the cooling draught or magic touch of sympathy; where there is life to be administered unto or death to be cared for, there, there is his work: that in this practical utilitarian age, we have no hope but

in great labor of head and heart; that the time for trifling is amid the buried rubbish of the past; that leisure has been blotted from our vernacular, and time is solidified by crystalization into a diamond reality; that it is only by untiring concentrated effort we may stand on tip-toe on the loftiest summit of conception, and with unveiled eye, made all the brighter by that upper and purer atmosphere, gaze down the dimly lighted vista of the future, and thus see what we, by fidelity and energy, can make our Order—and drink in such inspiration as shall make us struggle ever more towards that glorious consummation: and that in all objects of benevolence and charity there should be no such word as *fail!* Then, brethren, put your shoulders to the good work; let us move forward with the ark of our covenant until misfortune has no tear to dry, and sorrow no wound to heal; until all men shall recognise their obligations to each other, and men of every religion, nationality, and vocation shall sit and act together in harmony and friendship as a band of brothers. Then, but not till then, may we fold our "tents," cease our "labors," lay aside our "badges," and disband our "lodges."

GEO. W. RACE, *Grand Sire.*

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted his annual report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, very respectfully submits his nineteenth annual report. Annexed is presented the several resolutions and orders of the last session, which devolved upon him duties to be performed during the recess:

1. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be requested to continue his correspondence with the several State Grand Bodies, for the purpose of obtaining full copies of their Journals, properly bound, for the use of this R. W. Grand Body, and that he be authorized to arrange and have bound the pamphlet copies in hand, which, together with those already received and hereafter to be received, shall be preserved in a suitable case for the use of the Representatives.

2. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to present one blank copy of the Grand Lodge diploma to each Grand Representative who has not previously received one from the Grand Lodge.

3. *Resolved further*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to present one copy of the bound Journal and Digest of the Laws and proceedings of the Grand Lodge to each Grand Representative who has not previously received one from the Grand Lodge.

4. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is hereby instructed to obtain the names and post office addresses of the Grand Patriarchs, Grand Scribes, Grand Masters, and Grand Secretaries of the State and Territorial Grand Encampments and Grand Lodges, and to publish a list of the same, with the proceedings of this session of the Grand Lodge, for the purpose of facilitating the correspondence between the different State and Territorial Grand Bodies.

5. *Resolved*, That it is hereby made the duty of the Scribes and Secretaries of Grand Encampments and Grand Lodges, at the time of making their annual returns to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of this Grand Lodge, to furnish therewith the post office addresses of their respective Grand Patriarchs, Grand Scribes, Grand Masters, and Grand Secretaries, and it is hereby made his duty to have printed and appended to the proceedings of every

session of this Lodge a list of said officers, with their post office addresses, as furnished with the said annual report.

6. *Resolved*, That Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes be also instructed to furnish the times and places of the annual sessions of their Grand Bodies, to be published in the same manner as the names of the Grand Officers.

WHEREAS it has pleased Divine Providence to remove by death Bro. James MacLaren, late D. D. Grand Sire for the Province of Lower Canada: therefore

7. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge, while they most deeply deplore the loss which has been sustained by our whole Brotherhood in the death of one who, by his private virtues and marked ability, had distinguished himself in the faithful discharge of his duties, most especially do they extend their heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased.

8. *Resolved*, That, in testimony of our respect and sympathy, these resolutions be spread upon the Journals of this body, and a copy of the same be transmitted to the family and friends of the deceased.

9. *Resolved*, That a suitable testimonial be and is hereby voted to Rep. Stuart for his invaluable services in digesting and arranging the secret work of the Order.

10. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, at the opening of every annual communication of this R. W. Grand Lodge, to place in the hands of the Grand Sire a written statement showing the name or names of any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which may be indebted to this Grand Lodge, with the amount of said indebtedness, which statement shall be placed by the Grand Sire in the hands of the Committee on Credentials, immediately upon the appointment of said committee, so that the said committee may be able to make their report in conformity to the eleventh article of the by-laws of this Grand Lodge.

11. Four weeks previous to the holding of any session of this Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, through one daily paper of each of the cities of Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York, to invite proposals for the printing of the Journal of this Body, the printer to furnish the necessary paper, and to stitch and cover the Journal, ready for distribution—the printing to be done according to the style of the Revised Journal, and the matter to be stereotyped and the plates to be delivered to the Grand Secretary, in good order, as the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as a sufficient number of copies are struck off to meet the purposes of the law requiring the distribution of the proceedings, which number the Grand Secretary must state, as near as practicable, in the advertisement. And such proposals for the said work as may be received shall be filed away by the Grand Secretary, with their seals unbroken, until twelve o'clock noon of the first day of the session therein designated, after which time no more proposals shall be received, and such as shall have been received shall be placed in the hands of the Committee on Printing, to be by them opened, examined, and decided upon.

12. The order upon the recommendation of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, that a copy of their report touching the mileage and per diem account of Rep McLain, of Ohio, be furnished to him, with a request that he return to the Grand Lodge the balance over-paid him.

13. *Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to receive all moneys refunded by Representatives over-paid on mileage at the last session.

In furtherance of the first resolution the Corresponding Secretary has received since his last annual report the following copies of proceedings of State Grand Bodies:

Presented during the last session by Grand Representative Washburn, of Pennsylvania, Journal of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, from June 13, 1823 to November 20, 1855, inclusive, four handsome bound volumes.

By Grand Representative Taylor, of Pennsylvania, Journal Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, from June 19, 1829, to May 21, 1857, inclusive, one volume handsomely bound.

Received during last session by Grand Representative Parker, of California, Journal Grand Lodge of California, from 1853 to 1857, one volume bound.
From Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Journal of Proceedings from 1852 to 1856, one volume bound.
From Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, Journal of Proceedings from 1845 to 1857, one volume bound.
From Grand Lodge of Minnesota, Journal from 1855 to 1857, pamphlet copy.
From Grand Lodge of Connecticut, pamphlet copy of Journal of the annual session of 1855.
Journal from its organization to October, 1857, inclusive, pamphlet copy.
Grand Encampment of Iowa, from organization to October, 1857.
From the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, Journal of Proceedings from 1846 to 1857, one volume bound.

And the proceedings during the current year from the following Grand Bodies:

Grand Lodge of California, session of May, 1858.
" " Pennsylvania, from May 24, 1857 to May 21, 1858.
" " Maryland, January and July sessions, 1858.
" " North Carolina, January session, 1857.
" " Missouri, May session, 1858.
" " Indiana, May session, 1858.
" " Oregon, May session, 1856.
" " Arkansas, November session, 1857.
" " South Carolina, January session, 1858.
" " Kentucky, from January to November, 1857.
" " Massachusetts, February and August session, 1858.
" " Northern New York, August session, 1857.
" " Iowa, October session, 1857.
" " Rhode Island, August session, 1857.
" " District of Columbia, January session, 1857.
" " Wisconsin, October session, 1857.
" " Southern New York, May session, 1858.
" " Texas, February session, 1858.
" " Minnesota, January session, 1858.
" " New Hampshire, August session, 1858.
" " Alabama, February, 1858.
Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, June, 1857, to May, 1858.
" " " Texas, February session, 1858.
" " " Virginia, August session, 1857.
" " " Kentucky, November session, 1857.
" " " District of Columbia, January session, 1857.
" " " Missouri, May session, 1858.
" " " California, May session, 1858.
" " " Indiana, May session, 1858.
" " " Massachusetts, August session, 1858.

The Corresponding Secretary has not been able to comply with that part of the resolution which directs the arranging and binding of the pamphlet copies formerly on hand, for the reason that in many instances complete sets of the proceedings of Grand Bodies have been supplied in bound volumes, rendering the pamphlet copies of no value, and to a considerable extent where these have not been supplied, the pamphlet copies on hand are detached and isolated, and no continuous Journal could be made up of the material. In this connection he begs very respectfully to urge upon the proper officers of the State jurisdictions the importance of preserving in the library of the Grand Lodge of the United States complete sets of the entire Journals of their re-

spective Grand Bodies, as well for the convenience and service of the Grand Representatives as for the advantage of the Grand Bodies themselves. The collection now on hand, although incomplete, is of great value to the brotherhood and he indulges the hope that during the coming year no jurisdiction in the Order will be without a full copy of its Journals at the seat of the federal government of the Order.

The second and third resolutions have been complied with.

The fourth resolution, in so far as the Corresponding and Recording Secretary could obtain the information, was carried into effect, and the list referred to was duly published with the Journal of the last session.

The fifth and sixth resolutions have not, with but few exceptions, been conformed to. The cause of the failure on the part of Grand Officers to comply with the law may perhaps in some instances lay at the door of the undersigned—he has been so informed at least, and is perfectly willing to take the blame if he should be deemed, under the circumstances, justly obnoxious to it. It is said to have been the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to send out a special circular to each Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe conveying to them a copy of the law and requesting conformity to its enactments. The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary does not so understand the law. On the contrary, it appears to him to be an act of legislation directly mandatory upon the Grand Scribes and Grand Secretaries, who are, in so many words, instructed to perform the duty without the interposition or agency of the Corresponding Secretary in any wise. Nevertheless, to correct any misapprehension of duty in this respect, in the future, if the Grand Lodge should continue this law in existence, the Corresponding Secretary recommends that a resolution be passed directing him to cause the law to be printed upon the margin of the formula sent out by him for the annual reports, and that the formula be so modified as to provide a blank for this particular return.

I have great pleasure in distinguishing the Grand Secretaries of Massachusetts, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio, Maryland, Alabama, Minnesota, and California, and the Grand Scribes of Maryland, Louisiana, New Hampshire, Kentucky, and Ohio, as in compliance with the law as I have understood it.

The seventh and eighth resolutions were with mingled feelings of grief and pleasure promptly obeyed. It had been the fortune of your Secretary to have had long intimate personal and official relations with the distinguished deceased during his life-time, and to have known well his great worth as an Odd-Fellow. I had, when twice honored with a mission to the jurisdiction of the Canadas, on each occasion experienced his manly and invaluable co-operation in my efforts to revive the languishing Lodge under his charge as District Deputy Grand Sire, the only one which had survived the mal-administration of the Grand Lodge of British North America, and which he alone was able to preserve. It had been also my great pleasure to have enjoyed his private friendship and confidence, to have partaken of his hospitality, to have shared in the society of his domestic

hearth, and to have witnessed in that midst his ennobling qualities as a husband, a father, and a christian. With these reminiscences fresh upon my memory I entered upon the performance of the duty assigned to me by your resolution with sincere grief that a spirit so pure and noble should have been so suddenly quenched; that a family circle so happy should have been so abruptly desolated, and that Odd-Fellowship should mourn the loss of a brother who was truly an honor to his race; but that grief was graduated and controlled by the great pleasure which the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States supplied, illustrating as they did on the part of that distinguished body a grateful remembrance of the official worth of the deceased, and a just sense of his claim to eminent distinction in the annals of the Order.

Soon after the adjournment of the last session I transmitted to the family of the deceased the proceedings touching the death of the lamented MacLaren, handsomely engrossed upon a blank diploma, and availed myself of the opportunity to accompany the communication with a reiteration of the high estimate entertained by the Grand Lodge for his eminent services in the cause of Odd-Fellowship, and to express again its profound sympathy with the bereaved family for the great loss with which it had been afflicted. This message reached its destination in safety, and I have great satisfaction to report that a response has been received from the family, full of grateful acknowledgment for the interest and sympathy manifested for its bereavement, which is herewith annexed:

QUEBEC, February 8th, 1858.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, ESQ., *Corresponding Secretary*
Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States:

I beg to acknowledge on behalf of my widowed mother, my sister, and myself the receipt of the resolution and testimonial from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., and beg that body to receive our heartfelt thanks for their kindness and respect to our nearest and dearest departed relative.

It is a great (though melancholy) satisfaction to think that though the departed is absent in the body he is present in the minds of his Brothers of the Order of Independent Odd-Fellows.

You may not perhaps be aware that his last hours (I may say moments) were occupied in arranging the affairs of your Order in this city, which was about being disorganized, intending, however, with two or three others to establish another Lodge.

The expressions of sympathy by your noble Order will ever be remembered by us with pleasure, and we hope the Order will always flourish as it deserves.

I have the honor to be sir, your obedient servant,

W. M. MACLAREN.

The ninth resolution testifies the just sense of the Grand Lodge for the valuable service rendered by Grand Rep. F. D. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, in arranging and digesting the work, and provides a suitable testimony of that judgment to be presented to that distinguished brother; the resolution, however, failed to suggest the character or value of the testimonial to be presented or to devolve the duty upon a committee or any of the officers of the Grand Lodge.—Under the circumstances the undersigned, upon the invitation of the

M. W. Grand Sire, acted in conjunction with that officer and the R. W. Grand Treasurer in the performance of the duty, a special report of which the M. W. Grand Sire will doubtless supply.

The tenth resolution has been carried into effect.

The eleventh resolution has been complied with, and the proposals received are herewith submitted under seal.

In obedience to the order of the Grand Lodge, touching the mileage and per diem account of Grand Rep. J. McLain, of Ohio, the undersigned addressed a communication to that brother on the 7th day of December, 1857, accompanied with a copy of the report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, referring to the subject, and with a request that the amount over-paid him, as exhibited by that report, be returned to the Treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States.—To this communication a reply was received bearing date July 15th, 1858. This letter contains an elaborate and detailed defence of the brother against the imputation of an overcharge in his mileage and per diem account, avers that he does not owe the Grand Lodge one dime, and, while he admits the error in the bill of 1856, alleges that it was fully paid in the amount already returned to the Treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States. The correspondence upon this subject is herewith submitted. In this connection it is due to brother B. Verner, of Michigan, to say that a letter has been received from him in which he expresses an entire willingness to return whatever amount the Committee on Mileage shall report to have been over-paid him, if any, alleging also that the calculation was made by the Committee on Mileage without any prompting from him.

The thirteenth resolution charges a duty upon the R. W. Grand Treasurer, but inasmuch as all receipts into the Grand Treasury find their way only through this office, the undersigned feels it to be his duty to report that in conformity with this resolution the following sums of money were paid into the Treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States by the R. W. Grand Representatives named, immediately upon ascertaining that their mileage accounts had been erroneously made up:

S. S. Davis, of New Hampshire	$3 20
J. Kidder, of New Hampshire	3 20
S. Craighead, of Ohio	17 00
E. Mitchell, of South Carolina	1 63
W. Thayer, of South Carolina	1 60
N. H. Dearborn, of Illinois	46 20
S. H. Schlig, of Wisconsin, error in per diem account	3 00
Interest	21
	$76 04

The annual returns of the State Grand Bodies, I have great pleasure in saying, have been generally received in time for this report. It is, however, to be regretted that, notwithstanding the repeated appeals that have been made on this subject for a compliance with the law requiring them to be in hand thirty days previous to the annual session, several reports are yet outstanding, the absence of which prevents me from presenting an accurate tabular statement of the condition of the Order.

The usual general summary of the state of the Order, made up from the annual returns received, and from the official correspondence of the Corresponding Secretary, is annexed.

British North America.—In the jurisdiction of Canada West the Order is prosperous, although the same cause which will be found to have checked seriously the advance of the Order throughout the United States has had a like effect in Canada West. "The monetary crisis and depression," Grand Master Reynolds writes, "has had its effect upon us." Nevertheless Odd-Fellowship is in high spirits in this district, and comprises fifteen active Lodges, with a membership of nearly one thousand. Herewith is submitted the annual address of the Grand Master, which is a paper of unusual interest.

Canada East.—I regret to say the Order has died out in this jurisdiction, and no effort appears to be making to resuscitate it.

Lower Provinces of British North America.—The report from this Grand Lodge is received, showing an improving state of the Order. Grand Secretary Taylor writes as follows: "Although we have not added many new members to our ranks since our last report, the march of the Order is onward, and a good feeling prevails. We have opened a new Lodge under very favorable circumstances; it has been named 'Fuller Lodge,' in honor of our worthy Representative."

Michigan.—Grand Secretary B. Verner, of Michigan, advises me, under date of the 25th ultimo, that the Order is in as healthy a condition in that State as at the last annual report, which he regards as flattering, in view of the trying times they have had.

Vermont.—The report of the Grand Lodge of Vermont is received. The state of the Order is not so prosperous as last year in this State. I have had no communication during the year from the D. D. Grand Sire of the State. I herewith present a communication from the Encampment at Middleburg, asking for leave to change its location.

Maine.—The Order enjoys, in this State, comparative prosperity. The annual report is received.

Massachusetts.—From the report of Grand Master Buckingham, made to the Grand Lodge, I learn "that whilst some Lodges have fallen off, there are others whose work is better performed than for years past, and whose officers and members are determined to sustain the Order." The reports of the D. D. Grand Masters indicate a healthy state of the Order. The Order in this jurisdiction has been called upon to mourn the loss of P. G. Master Daniel Hersey and P. G. Master Wm. A. Bell, both of whom were Past Grand Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States, and brethren of eminence in the Fraternity. Grand Secretary Charles D. Cole informs me, in transmitting his annual report, that "It is with great pleasure he is able to advise that Odd-Fellowship in the 'old Bay State' is in a prosperous condition. Since the commencement of this term quite a number of the Lodges have received large accessions to their numbers, and there is a renewed interest, both in the Subordinate and Patriarchal branch, which he thinks will soon spread itself over the entire jurisdiction." The portrait of P. G. Sire Wm. Ellison, of Massachusetts, ordered at

the last session, has been received, and now graces the walls of the Grand Lodge chamber.

New Hampshire.—The annual report of the Grand Lodge indicates a slight falling off during the past year in the membership, yet a prosperous condition of Odd-Fellowship.

Rhode Island.—The report of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island indicates likewise a diminution of membership.

Connecticut.—The account of this Grand Lodge with the Grand Lodge of the United States has been fully paid and the annual report received, showing a decrease of Lodges and membership and an increase of disbursements. I sincerely regret to report that since the adjournment of the last session, Bro. John Wallace, the M. W. Grand Master of this State, and Right Worthy Grand Representative of the Grand Encampment of Connecticut, departed this life. Bro. Wallace had endeared himself to the brotherhood wherever known, by his great devotion to the welfare of the Order, and by the suavity and affability of his manner.

Southern New York.—The efficient Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, under date of August, 1858, gives a very discouraging account of the Order in Southern New York, and this account is affirmed by the M. W. Grand Master in his annual report. He ventures, however, to express the hope that "when the season of financial prosperity returns, the seed now being sown will spring up, bearing good fruit and re-paying ten-fold."

Northern New York.—Having not yet received the annual report from Northern New York, I am not able to say any thing of its condition. From private sources information has been received that it has not been exempt from the effects of the monetary troubles of the country.

New Jersey.—The annual report of this State indicates a healthy condition of the Order.

Pennsylvania.—I regret to report that the returns from this vast jurisdiction do not indicate its usual vigorous growth. Time, in his desolating path, has swept away during the past year, in this jurisdiction, a brother of whom it may be justly said that he was one of the Patriarchs of Odd-Fellowship. Past Grand Sire Howell Hopkins has been summoned by the Great Grand Master of Heaven and Earth from his labors of love and mercy in the vineyard of Odd-Fellowship to the Grand Lodge above. This eminent brother has left behind him a memory which can never die, so long as the annals of the Order shall be preserved. In the early days of the Grand Lodge of the United States he was among its most efficient and useful members; the able efforts of his mind may be found scattered throughout the legislation of that body during a period of more than twenty years. Indeed, during his career as a Grand Representative, Bro. Hopkins was actively identified with every cardinal and vital measure which secured the approbation of the brotherhood. In his devotion and zeal for the welfare of the Order he had no superior, and in his successful labors for its advancement had few if any equals. The un-

dersigned was his contemporary for a long series of years upon the floor of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and, whilst it is his sad office to announce his death, begs to commend his life, labors, and example as an Odd-Fellow as worthy of all imitation. As the seventh Grand Sire of the Order his administration was distinguished by some of the most momentous subjects of legislation which the Grand Lodge of the United States has ever been called upon to enact; as a presiding officer he commanded the respect and love of his brethren, and in private life his eminent virtues, estimable and gentle disposition, and characteristic courtesy, endeared him to all who knew him. In the death of this brother one of the brightest stars of the Order has been quenched.

Delaware.—Although the annual report is not yet in, I learn from private sources that the Order is solid and prosperous in this jurisdiction.

Maryland.—In this State Odd-Fellowship occupies an eminently prosperous position, and is ever advancing.

District of Columbia.—The Order in the District continues to maintain a statu quo condition, and is healthy and prosperous.

Virginia.—The annual report of Virginia indicates a moderate falling off in Lodges and membership. The Grand Master attributes the result "to the financial panic which has so severely afflicted and continues to afflict the country."

North Carolina.—The Grand Master in his annual report does not congratulate the Order upon its material prosperity, but regrets to say that from comparison he finds there has been a successive depression for several years, and recurs to the financial embarrassments of the country for the reason of the diminished prosperity of Odd-Fellowship in North Carolina. I regret to say that no report has been received from the Grand Encampment of this State for three years, and that body, under the law, may now be regarded as out of existence.

South Carolina.—The annual report is received. This State also returns a diminished list of membership, whilst all the Lodges have been able to maintain themselves during the year.

Georgia—Occupies the same position as South Carolina, with a diminished constituency, composing the same number of Lodges reported last year.

Florida.—I learn from this jurisdiction that "the Order is in a languishing state, but a few faithful brothers in the midst of surrounding discouragements continue to come bravely up to the work, and look forward with cheerful hope to the time when new life and vigor will animate Odd-Fellowship in this district of the Order."

Mississippi.—Odd-Fellowship in this State has not advanced. Grand Secretary John B. Dicks, of this Grand Lodge, continues his valuable correspondence, and advises me under date of the 1st July that the Order has made but little progress during the past year.

Alabama.—The report of this Grand Lodge shows a reduction of membership and of Lodges. Grand Secretary Wilson informs me, under date of the 24th ultimo, that he nevertheless conceives "the Order

to be in a more healthy condition than it has ever been, the Lodges having purged themselves of much unworthy material."

Louisiana.—The Order in this State occupies nearly the same position as to members and Lodges as reported at the last session.

Missouri.—The Order in this State, to use the language of the ever-prompt and estimable R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Veitch, "shows its usual steady progress in Lodges and strength." In no part of the federal jurisdiction is there a more efficient administration of Odd-Fellowship than in Missouri.

Illinois.—I am gratified to report that the Order continues to advance in this great State. Advices from the very attentive Grand Secretary, Bro. Willard, of the 18th August, inform me that although he had taken great pains he was obliged to sum up without returns from several Lodges and Encampments, so that the report will not show the real condition of the Order in Illinois. Under date of the 23d of August, the M. W. Grand Master, W. Duff Green, writes "that the progress of the Order in Illinois has not been in the least retarded by the severe monetary pressure to which we have been subjected during the past year."

Indiana.—I have great pleasure in reporting that Odd-Fellowship is still on the advance in this great State. Bro. Willis W. Wright, the very attentive and able Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, writes under date of the 5th ultimo that "the Order is increasing in the State at about its former rate, notwithstanding the pecuniary difficulties which have embarrassed all classes. The Patriarchal branch during the next year will exceed any period since its organization in the State."

Ohio.—Bro. Alex. E. Glenn, the valuable Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, in transmitting the annual report, remarks that "it affords him great pleasure to assure the Brotherhood that at no time since the introduction of the Order in Ohio has it been in a more prosperous or stable condition. Entire harmony prevails in all the Lodges, and every thing betokens a healthy condition of Odd-Fellowship. We are a unit—a solid phalanx—ready, able, and willing to discharge every obligation and duty which we have assumed."

Kentucky.—I am informed by the very attentive Grand Secretary of Kentucky, Bro. Wm. White, "that although it will be perceived from the annual report that there appears to be a general falling off in both branches of the Order, yet such is not the fact, the number of Lodges, and Encampments failing to report being greater than last year, which, if made equal, would present about the same exhibit of the Order as the last annual report." He regards the Order also as in a more than usually vigorous and healthy condition as to membership.

Tennessee.—Grand Secretary R. H. Barry, of Tennessee, writes in sending the annual report of the State, that the Order now numbers one hundred and six Lodges—most of them working well—they are trimming out all the dead weight which has encumbered them for some years—they are increasing in numbers as fast as is prudent, and the greatest harmony prevails.

Arkansas.—The report of the Grand Lodge of the State is not yet

received; D. D. Grand Sire Horner writes favorably and encouragingly of the Patriarchal branch.

Wisconsin.—I have no return from this State.

Iowa.—The report from this jurisdiction is highly gratifying; the Order is still advancing. Grand Secretary Wm. Garrett, under date of August 14, 1858, advises me "that the Order in Iowa is increasing and will continue to increase, and in a few years will be among the largest jurisdictions."

Texas.—The condition of the Order in this young and vigorous State is improving, and the success of Odd-Fellowship within its borders is beyond a question. The estimable Grand Master of the State, Bro. E. P. Hunt, advises me, on the 25th ultimo, that "Odd-Fellowship is rapidly taking the position in Texas she is entitled to, and will soon count Lodges by the hundreds and members by the thousands."

California.—From this distant jurisdiction, I am gratified to say, that whilst some of the near Grand Bodies have failed to report in time, the most prompt and full return has been received. Grand Secretary Johnson writes most cheeringly of the condition of the Order in California, that they are increasing in Lodges as well as members, there being seventy-six Lodges in the State, and all in a flourishing condition.

I have also great pleasure in saying that I am in receipt of a letter from that indefatigable and ever to be cherished Odd-Fellow, Bro. Samuel H. Parker, late Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of California, who, although having retired from the Supreme Councils of the Order, continues his zealous aid to the cause. He writes under date of August 5, 1858, that "the new law in relation to non-affiliated Odd-Fellows, is doing much good on the whole Pacific coast. The law did not go into operation until June, and we have hardly had time to judge of its beneficial effect, but so far as we have heard, every Lodge has been benefited, and many, very many good men have been gathered again into the fold of Odd-Fellowship." In every part of the State the Order is in a most flourishing and vigorous condition. Libraries have been established in connection with the Lodges in all the principal cities. In San Francisco the Lodges have the largest and best library on that coast.

Minnesota.—From D. D. Grand Sire J. C. Terry, of this jurisdiction, I learn that "the Patriarchal branch is in a healthy condition, and the future looks brightening." The Order at large, he also writes, "is steadily prospering and quietly performing its offices of friendship and love." Grand Secretary J. Fletcher Williams, of this State, also advices me, under date of the 9th ultimo, that "every where among all the Lodges a healthy feeling and correct spirit is noticeable, and if times ever get any better, they are sanguine of going ahead."

Oregon.—I am not yet in receipt of the Grand Lodge report—Grand Secretary C. N. Terry advises, under date of July 14, 1858, "that the Order in Oregon is progressing and in a healthy condition."

Nebraska.—The Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction was organized at Nebraska city on the 27th of April, 1858, under flattering auspices;

it enters the confederation with five good Lodges and a membership of over two hundred. The Lodge was opened by D. D. Grand Sire C. F. Holly, whose return bears date May 1, 1858, and is herewith submitted.

Kansas.—The Grand Lodge of Kansas was organized at Tecumseh, on the 2d of June, 1858. There are also five Lodges under this jurisdiction. This Lodge was instituted by Bro. J. C. Hemingray who was specially deputed to perform the services by warrant, dated March 16, 1858. The return of this officer has been received, bearing date July 17, 1858, which is herewith submitted. He also reports that he is much gratified in saying that the Order has no where been inaugurated under more flattering circumstances.

Sandwich Islands.—I am in receipt of very interesting information from this jurisdiction, and the reports of Excelsior Lodge and Polynesia Encampment, up to June 30, 1858, are also received, showing a prosperous condition. Herewith is presented a memorial from Excelsior Lodge, praying a construction of the law prohibiting "the initiation of candidates at places remote from their residence without the consent of the Grand Lodge of the State from where they come," in so far as the said law may be deemed applicable to that Lodge: also a memorial from the same Lodge upon the subject of the admission of the Polynesian race into the Order: also a very interesting report from D. D. Grand Sire R. A. S. Wood, of this jurisdiction, detailing in full the operations of the Order under his care. This document will commend itself to the Grand Lodge as an able and elaborate vindication of the claim set up by the brotherhood of the Sandwich Islands for the admission of the Polynesian race into the Order in that country.

New Mexico.—The state of the Order in New Mexico, I am informed by D. D. Grand Sire John B. Grason, is prosperous and its prospects of the most flattering character, with the exception of some difficulties which have been now adjusted by the surrender of the charter of Ridgely Encampment and the withdrawal of the charter of Montezuma Lodge, No. 1; the necessity for which will be fully reported by the M. W. Grand Sire..

Washington Territory.—The report of Olympia Lodge, No. 1, of this Territory, with dues, has been received. The Lodge is prosperous.

Warrants have been issued during the year as follows:

FOR GRAND LODGES.

Grand Lodge of Nebraska, Nebraska city
Grand Lodge of Kansas, Tecumseh.

An application has been received for an Encampment, to be located at Marianna, Florida, but too late to be acted upon by the M. W. Grand Sire, and is herewith submitted.

The returns of the opening of the Grand Lodges of Nebraska and Kansas are herewith submitted.

The Corresponding Secretary feels it to be his duty to report that there is due from the jurisdictions of Nebraska and Kansas reports from the following Subordinate Lodges up to the time of the institution of Grand Lodges in those Territories respectively, viz:

NEBRASKA.

Nebraska Lodge, No. 1.
Omaha Lodge, No. 2.
Bellevue Lodge, No. 4.
Brownsville Lodge, No. 5.

KANSAS.

Leavenworth Lodge, No. 2.
Sumumduwat Lodge, No. 3.
Lawrence Lodge, No. 4.
Friendship Lodge, No. 5.

It was the duty of the officiating officers, who organized these Grand Bodies, to have received the dues at the time of instituting them. Such was their instructions from this office. Under the present circumstances the failure to make this return must operate to the prejudice of a representation from these jurisdictions.

The following statement, made in conformity with the order "to arrange the same in parallel columns," represents the amounts for each specific purpose received from each Grand Jurisdiction and Subordinate Lodge and Encampment under this Grand Body during the past fiscal year. The several amounts received have been paid into the Treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report. The usual supplementary table will be submitted at an early day during the session, showing the further receipts of this office from the termination of the fiscal year up to the first day of the session, inclusive.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing September* 21, 1857, *and ending September* 1, 1858.

GRAND LODGES.	Charters.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Diplomas.	Miscellaneous.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Maryland	...	.....	$180 00	$95 00	$7 50	$2 50	.....	$150 00	$435 00
Massachusetts	...	.....	150 00	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 50
S. New. York	...	.....	140 00	40 00	.....	2 50	.....	150 00	332 50
Pennsylvania	...	.....	500 00	265 00	50 00	.....	.....	150 00	965 00
D. of Columbia	...	10 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Delaware	...	.....	35 00	17 00	.....	1 25	.....	150 00	203 25
Ohio	...	.....	664 80	207 50	55 00	.....	70	150 00	1078 00
Louisiana	...	.....	80 00	61 50	.....	30 00	.....	150 00	321 50
Kentucky	...	.....	300 00	28 50	.....	.....	.....	150 00	478 50
Virginia	...	.....	60 00	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	63 50
Indiana	...	.....	330 00	102 50	17 00	.....	5 00	.....	454 50
Mississippi	...	.....	.. ....	50 00	12 50	25 00	.....	150 00	237 50
Missouri	...	.....	180 00	224 50	15 00	31 25	.....	150 00	600 75
Illinois	...	56	440 00	486 00	60 00	62 50	.....	150 00	1199 06
Alabama	...	.....	.....	12 50	.....	.....	.....	150 00	162 50
Connecticut	...	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	200 00
Texas	...	.....	40 00	41 75	10 00	.....	.....	150 00	241 75
S. Carolina	...	33	30 00	38 00	.....	15 00	.....	150 00	233 33
N. Carolina	...	.....	20 00	60 00	2 50	.....	.....	150 00	232 50
Georgia	...	24	10 00	.....	.....	.....	26	.....	10 50
Maine	...	.....	4 80	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	5 00
Rhode Island	...	.....	.....	13 58	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 58
N. Hampshire	...	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 75
Michigan	...	1 13	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	181 13
Iowa	...	.....	180 00	251 78	20 00	31 25	.....	150 00	633 03
Florida	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
California	...	80 72	240 00	146 00	30 00	31 25	20 53	150 00	698 50
Canada West	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Oregon	...	.....	.....	16 25	5 00	.....	.....	75 00	96 25
Nebraska	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Kansas	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
	$60	$92 98	3674 60	2162 11	284 50	232 50	26 69	3075 00	9608 38

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing September* 21, 1857, *and ending September* 1, 1858.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Diplomas.	Representative Tax	Total.
Pennsylvania	.....	.....	$45 00	.....	.....	$ 45 00
S. New York	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Massachusetts	.....	.....	2 50	.....	.....	2 50
Ohio	.....	70 00	7 50	.....	150 00	227 50
New Jersey	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00
Kentucky	.....	.....	2 50	.....	75 00	77 50
Virginia	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Indiana	.....	40 00	37 50	.....	.....	77 50
Missouri	.....	12 40	25 00	.....	75 00	112 40
Illinois	.....	.....	.....	.....	137 50	137 50
Michigan	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Alabama	.....	.....	3 75	.....	.....	3 75
South Carolina	.....	.....	2 50	.....	75 00	77 50
Georgia	.....	.....	3 75	.....	.....	3 75
N. Hampshire	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Wisconsin	.....	.....	30 00	.....	.....	30 00
Iowa	.....	.....	17 50	18 75	75 00	111 25
Texas	.....	.....	16 25	.....	.....	16 25
Connecticut	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
	$80 00	$122 40	$193 75	$18 75	$887 50	$ [illegible] 40

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing September* 21, 1857, *and ending September* 1, 1858.

	Balance.	Books.	Diplomas.	Charters.	Dues.	Cards.	Odes.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Chauncy Yale, of Canada West		1 75							1 75
Edward Mitchell, of South Carolina			7 50						7 50
D. Wilkinson, of Rhode Island		7 67							7 67
James M. Draper, of Georgia		2 50							2 50
L. K. Barber, of Mississippi		1 75							1 75
Jacob Robinson, of Virginia		5 25							5 25
J. S. Horner, of Arkansas		5 25							5 25
S. S. Davis, of New Hampshire								3 20	3 20
Joseph Kidder, of New Hampshire								3 20	3 20
S. Craighead, of Ohio								17 00	17 00
Edward Mitchell, of South Carolina								1 63	1 63
William Thayer, of South Carolina								1 60	1 60
N. Dearbourn, of Illinois								46 20	46 20
D. D. G. Sire Chas. F. Holly, of Neb. Territory	125 04	6 00				14 00			145 04
Thomas W. Jamison, of Maryland		1 75							1 75
Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, of Maryland		10 00							10 00
E. J. Leach, of Iowa		10 00							10 00
Alexander E. Glenn, of Ohio	1 92	27 00						1 08	30 00
A. W. Marsh, of Ohio		11 75							11 75
J. P. Davis, of Virginia		10 00							10 00
Wm. Miller, of Alabama		1 75							1 75
E. J. Ash, of North Carolina	8 33								8 33
G. W. Garrett, of Ohio		1 75							1 75
Charles A. Link, of Virginia		11 75							11 75
Scotland Neck Lodge, No. 61, North Carolina		1 75							1 75
James Stewart, of Delaware		1 75							1 75

J. A. Fligor, of Kansas		1 75							1 75
D. D. G. Sire R. A. S. Wood, of Honolulu		3 50					2 50		6 00
W. G. Anderson, of Ohio		5 25							5 25
C. H. Bowman, of Iowa		11 75							11 75
Chickasaw Lodge, No. 24, Mississippi		1 75							1 75
Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, Minnesota					10 54				10 54
Fort Smith Encampment, No. 3, Arkansas					7 35				7 35
Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, Honolulu					91 88				91 88
Pacific Lodge, No. 2, Lahuini Maui					120 17				120 17
Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu					289 54				289 54
Ellison Encampment, No. 1, Oregon					71 80				71 80
Arkansas Encampment, No. 1	26 33								26 33
Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, New Mexico					30 37				30 37
Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico		1 75			60 30	5 00		57	67 62
Lawrence Lodge, No. 4, Kansas		3 00			13 20	8 20			24 40
Friendship Lodge, No. 5, Kansas		5 00			7 30	6 00	2 50		20 80
Shawnee Lodge, No. 1, Kansas					16 69	5 20			21 89
Summunduwat Lodge, No. 3, Kansas		5 00			14 00	3 00			22 00
Leavenworth Lodge, No. 2, Kansas					19 05	6 00			25 05
Eagle Encampment, No. 1, Arkansas					6 00				6 00
Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, Vermont					15 32			33	15 65
Brownsville Lodge, No. 5, Nebraska				30 00					30 00
Chipola Encampment, No. 3, Florida				30 00					30 00
	$161 62	$158 17	$7 50	$60 00	$773 51	$47 40	$5 00	$74 81	$1,288 01

The receipts into the treasury up to and inclusive of the first day of September, 1858, amount to	$12,198 79
On the same day there remained due and payable during the session $5,373 08, of which sum it may be reasonably estimated that there will be paid before the report of the Committee on Finance will have been made	4,500 00
Making a probable aggregate of	$16,698 79

of revenue for the fiscal year 1857–8.

The amount estimated for receipts at the last session for the year was	$17,900 00
Amount received as above	16,698 79
Deficit	$1,201 21
The amount appropriated at the last session, including special appropriations made after the report of the Committee on Finance, was	$18,862 75
Actual amount expended	16,318 30
Excess of appropriation over actual expense	$2,544 45

So that the gain upon the estimate and appropriation for expenses being greater than the loss upon the estimated receipts, the annual revenue has been sufficient to defray the actual expense of the Grand Lodge. There will, nevertheless, be a deficiency, arising out of the fact that the arrears of the two past sessions is for the most part outstanding. The precise amount of that deficit will depend upon the actual amount of receipts after making up of this report and before the close of the session, which will only have been ascertained by the report of the Committee on Finance: but whatever it may be, its entire absorption should be provided for without recourse to temporary shifts, which only serve to defer and augment a debt which should be promptly discharged. It may be said in relation to the fiscal operations of the year, that the revenue in view of the monetary difficulties which have everywhere and in every channel of business prevailed, has been much greater than might have been expected, and it may safely be inferred that upon a return of the business prosperity of the country the finances of the Grand Lodge will be much improved. Some revenue has failed during the year for want of diplomas, for which a greater than usual demand has existed. The plate having been in use for nearly twenty years, is now worn out. It is respectfully suggested, if the Grand Lodge desires to continue the practice of conferring blank diplomas upon Grand Representatives, and also to print diplomas for sale to the membership as a source of revenue, that it is worthy of consideration whether a different form of diploma should not be adopted for Grand Representatives than the one now used—indeed the undersigned is of opinion that for either purpose the present form of diploma might be much improved, both as to size and character. I have received from Bro. W. W. Murchison, of Philadelphia, a very beautiful form of diploma or certificate of mem-

bership, which he respectfully asks the Grand Lodge to legalize. Should the Lodge determine to issue a new diploma as a source of revenue, this request will, of course, be denied. I herewith submit his application and the form of certificate. In this connexion I beg to say that the visiting card plate is also worn out, and has been worked for several years longer than it was really fit for use. A new plate is now absolutely required. An appropriation was made for this object, at the instance of the Corresponding Secretary, at the session of 1855, which not having been used, it is asked that the same be now renewed.

The stock account, and statement for supplies sold in detail during the year, showing cost and net profit, will form the subject of a supplementary report.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Grand Secretary.*

Office Corresponding and Recording Secretary,
BALTIMORE, *September* 1, 1858.

On motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, that the reading of the report of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be dispensed with, it was not agreed to.

Rep. Herndon, of Indiana, moved that the Lodge now take a recess for thirty minutes, which was agreed to.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The half hour of recess having expired, the Grand Lodge re-assembled.

Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That six thousand copies of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire be printed and furnished to the Grand Representatives, and that said report be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Lockett, of Texas, moved to amend as follows:

Resolved, That the report of the M. W. Grand Sire be referred to a select committee of three, for the purpose of apportioning the several subjects in said report to appropriate committees.

The question being on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution, as amended—

Rep. Taylor, of Pennsylvania, moved further to amend by striking out "six thousand" and inserting "twenty-five hundred."

Rep. Shinkle, of Kentucky, moved to amend by striking out "six thousand" and inserting "one thousand."

The question being on the amendment proposed by Rep. Taylor, of Pennsylvania, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, as amended, it was adopted.

Rep. Harvey, of Indiana, moved to reconsider the vote had before recess, rejecting the motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, to dispense with the reading of the annual report of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, which was resolved in the negative.

The report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary having been read—

Rep. Israel Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the report of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be referred to the special committee on the M. W. Grand Sire's report, and that six thousand copies of said report be printed for the use of Grand Representatives.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer, asked and obtained leave to withhold his annual report for the present, to enable him to avoid the necessity of making a supplementary report.

The Chair announced the following as the select committee on the M. W. G. Sire and Grand Secretary's reports: Reps. Lockett, of Texas; Glenn, of Ohio; Israel Robinson, of Virginia.

Rep. Israel Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause eighteen hundred copies of the daily Journal to be printed, and that one copy thereof be placed on the table of each Representative at the opening of each day's session.

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger place daily on the desk of each Representative fifteen copies of the daily Journal, in wrappers, in form for mailing.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, moved to amend by striking out "eighteen hundred," and inserting "twelve hundred" in the first resolution, and in the second resolution to strike out "fifteen" and insert "ten."

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, moved further to amend by striking out "eighteen hundred" and inserting "two hundred and fifty" in the first resolution; and by striking out "fifteen" in the second resolution, and inserting "two."

The question being on the first branch of the amendment of Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, viz. to strike out "eighteen hundred" copies in the first resolution, and to strike out "fifteen" in the second resolution; it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the second branch of the amendment of Rey. Thayer, of South Carolina, viz: to insert "twelve hundred" in the first resolution, and insert "ten" in the second resolution—

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, asked the unanimous consent of the Grand Lodge to withdraw the second branch of his amendment; and objection being made thereto—

The question recurred on the second branch of the amendment pending, viz. to insert "twelve hundred" in the first resolution and to insert "ten" in the second resolution.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the second branch of the amendment offered by Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, to insert in the first resolution twelve hundred and in the second resolution ten?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Israel Robinson, of Virginia, as amended, it was adopted.

Rep. Taylor, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the time for the sessions of this Grand Body will be to meet at 9 o'clock A. M., take a recess for thirty minutes at 12 o'clock M., and adjourn at half-past 3 o'clock P. M.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved to amend as follows:

And meet again in the evening at 7½ o'clock, after to-day.

Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia, moved further to amend as follows:

And that after Wednesday we have an evening session, commencing at 7 o'clock.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia, it was resolved in the negative.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Taylor, of Pennsylvania, it was adopted.

The Chair announced the following as the Standing Committees:

Committee on the State of the Order.—Reps. Boylston, of South Carolina; Askew, of Delaware; Craighead, of Ohio; Cassedy, of New Jersey; Blake, of Louisiana.

Legislative Committee.—Reps. Fitzhugh, of Virginia; Dwinelle, of Northern New York; Edwards, of Indiana; Buckingham, of Massachusetts; Hoke, of North Carolina.

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps. Gilmore, of Northern New York; Crutcher, of Mississippi; Wilkinson, of Rhode Island; Patten, of Georgia; McAuley, of Alabama.

Committee on Finance.—Reps. Veitch, of Missouri; Conley, of Georgia; Clayton, of Southern New York; Stuart, of District of Columbia; Green, of Wisconsin.

Committee on Appeals.—Reps. Kennedy, of Southern New York; Thayer, of South Carolina; Adams, of Georgia; Lockett, of Texas; Taylor, of Pennsylvania.

Committee on Constitutions.—Reps. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, Langdon, of Southern New York; Clark, of Florida; Kellogg, of Wisconsin; Foster of Michigan.

Committee on Petitions.—Reps. Farnsworth, of Tennessee; Cornwell, of Northern New York; McKinstry, of Alabama; Caldwell, of North Carolina; Kidder, of New Hampshire.

Committee on Returns.—Reps. Stetson, of Louisiana; J. H. Robinson, of Virginia; Ellis, of Maryland; Garrett, of Iowa; Wilcox, of Tennessee.

Committee on Printing.—Reps. Glenn, of Ohio; Marley, of Maryland; Davis, of New Hampshire; Hodgson, of District of Columbia; Shields, of Louisiana.

Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.—Reps. Hunt, of Texas; Earl, of Ohio; Wolford, of Kentucky; Herndon, of Indiana; Brewster, of California.

Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented.—Reps. Terry, of Minnesota; Tucker, of Massachusetts; Pope, of Iowa; Yale, of Canada West; Wilson, of Alabama.

The Chair submitted to the Grand Lodge the following communication:

MANUFACTURERS' AND MECHANICS' EXCHANGE,
Sun Iron Building, Baltimore, Sept. 18th, 1858.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, ESQ., *Grand Secretary*
of Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the United States:

SIR: The proprietor presents his fraternal regards to the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States on this the return of their annual visit to our city. He most cordially invites them to visit the rooms as frequently as their business will admit. There is on file the leading papers of the United States, thus affording them an opportunity of perusing the papers from their distant homes.

Fraternally yours,

THOMAS PHENIX.

On motion of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, the invitation extended by Bro. Phenix was accepted, and the thanks of the Grand Lodge respectfully tendered to him.

Rep. Armstrong, of Illinois, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, Committee on Credentials, to whom was referred the certificate of Bro. J. C. Hemingray, from the Grand Lodge of Kansas, report the same correct, and recommend that he be received and take his seat as the Representative from that jurisdiction.

P. A. ARMSTRONG,
V. C. PEERS,
ISAAC M. TUCKER,
E. G. FULLER,
L. K. BARBER.

Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the nomination and election of officers of this Grand Lodge, be made the special order for to-morrow morning, at ten o'clock.

Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger be instructed to keep the Hall of the Grand Lodge open from 8 o'clock in the morning until 9 o'clock in the evening of each day while this Grand Lodge is in session, until otherwise ordered.

Rep. Herndon, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to present one copy of the bound Journals and Digest of the Laws and Proceedings of the Grand Lodge to each Grand Representative who has not previously received one from the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the members of the Order who have attained the proper rank may be admitted within the Lodge during its deliberations, when vouched for and introduced to the Grand Guardian by the Representatives, respectively, from the State jurisdictions to which the visitors may be attached.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Book of Diagrams and Secret Work be placed in the hands of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire during the session, after to-day, for the use and benefit of the Representatives.

Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee appointed at the last annual communication upon the subject of revision of the secret work and a plan for merging the degrees, be and they are hereby requested to report progress or in full, on or before the session of to-morrow morning.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

The question being on the resolution of Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Davis, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report the unfinished business of the last session.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, submitted the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS at the the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, resolutions were passed providing facilities for taking the testimony of absent witnesses whenever their testimony shall be required by a lodge or encampment, or by a member of either, which resolutions through an oversight do not afford the same facilities to the party preferring the charge; therefore, to supply such omission, be it

Resolved, That the same privileges are hereby extended to a party or parties preferring a charge or charges, as are accorded under the before mentioned resolutions to lodges, encampments, or members of either when under a charge.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved that the Grand Lodge now adjourn, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Armstrong, of Illinois, presented the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, submitted the following inquiry from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Can a Grand Lodge tax its members and its Subordinate Lodges for the purpose of raising a fund to meet its liabilities, under article one, section two, of the constitution of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina?

Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the law passed at the session of 1856, in the following words, to wit: "That it is the right of a lodge to examine a visiting brother every night he may present himself for admission, and must be introduced by the ex-

amining committee," be so construed as to leave it optional with Subordinate Lodges to examine, by a committee, brothers who may wish to visit a lodge on a card previously presented and visited on, and that it is only necessary to introduce a brother when he has been examined by a committee.

Rep. Gilmore, of Northern New York, presented the petition of Diondahoo Encampment, No. 12, of that jurisdiction, asking leave to initiate and confer the Patriarchal degrees upon scarlet members residing in Vermont, which was referred to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. Craighead, of Ohio, presented the following proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, upon the subject of merging the two branches of the Order, which, upon his motion, were referred to the special committee upon that subject:

R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio.

Rep. Brown of No. 1, from the select committee to which the subject had been referred, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio:

The select committee, to which was referred the subject of merging the two branches of the Order, respectfully report:

By reference to the report of our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States it will be seen that the subject has been brought before that body—the highest known in our Order—uniting within itself the two branches—the question of merging which has been submitted to us, and that the committee to whom the subject was delegated reported substantially as follows:

"It is a matter not to be denied that one branch of our Order is rapidly declining; that these jurisdictions will, *as a necessity*, soon be extinct; that it therefore becomes a subject of deep importance to devise some plan to obviate such a result, or at least provide some measure to preserve to the members the pleasure and profit inherent in the degrees alluded to, and maintain the Order in a prosperous condition. The committee believe it is possible to effect the union, and that it would conduce to the interests of the Order to add the degrees of the encampment to the work of Subordinate Lodges;" and offered in conclusion the following resolution:

"That a special committee be appointed to whom the subject shall be referred, with instructions to revise the entire secret work, and report to the next session of the Grand Lodge a plan for merging the degrees, and also report suitable charges and lectures which would be appropriate after such merging."

Such has been the action taken upon this subject by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the report above quoted from is signed by one of the Representative of this Grand Lodge, and an honored officer of your own body was appointed a member of the committee contemplated by the above quoted resolution.

In view of the fact that the subject has already attracted attention in the high quarter referred to, it will perhaps seem supererogatory in your committee to offer any extended suggestions in relation thereto; yet it does not seem inappropriate that this Grand Lodge should express its opinion upon matters of such vital importance to the interests of our beloved Order.

Your committee think that the example shown by the supreme legislative authority of our organization, in uniting in itself the two branches of which it is composed, is one that should be followed by the minor jurisdictions subordinate to it; that it would conduce to the interests of the Order in Ohio that the legislative functions of the Grand Encampment should be merged in those of the Grand Lodge. The enormous expense of maintaining two legislative and executive powers to perform the duties incumbent upon them, for substantially the same body, (for all will see that the funds necessary for the support of both come from the labor of members of the Subordinate Lodges,) is one that the *members* cannot for any extended period sustain.

Indeed, it may be aptly illustrated by a glance at the human organization. Can one heart and one stomach long support the labor of supplying vital power to two intellects, and a duplicated set of executive functions, to two heads and four arms? No; if you over-tax those parts of the frame that supply the animal vigor, you destroy all. Is not our policy in this regard analogous to this? Are we not now endeavoring to do this? And will not the result be necessarily fatal? Your committee think that this result is already foreshadowed in these facts. That many members of Subordinate Lodges, even in view of the increased amount of benefits to which they will be entitled, decline to enter the Encampment—that in many parts of our jurisdiction there are many Lodges not a *single* member of which has connected himself with an Encampment—that in many others the proportion of those who have done so is very small—that the extra initiation fee and Grand Encampment tax are expenses that deter very many from uniting in the pleasure and profit that would accrue to them, and which they would gladly seek by taking those degrees were they added to those of the Subordinate Lodges—and that by the report of our M. W. Grand Master there has been no increase in the Order during the past year. These facts prove to your committee that there exists a latent feeling in the minds of the masses composing our organization in favor of merging the two branches, and that that feeling is founded in right reason.

Again: your committee would call your attention to the great truth that in UNION THERE IS STRENGTH; or, in other words, that concentration of power upon a given object produces largely increased and more effective action, and vastly more important results; and as our objects call forth the truly sublime efforts we have made, are making, and will continue to make in furtherance of our purpose to relieve the distressed, educate the orphan, visit the sick, and generally further the design of our Beneficent Creator, those efforts will be more effectual if we concentrate our forces to produce those wished for results. Much of our energy is now wasted in details of organization, in the petty difficulties that are constantly occurring in our Subordinates, which would be reduced one-half by the union of the branches, and a large amount in the useless waste of the sinews of war, incurred in keeping up and feeding two separate existences to produce the same result, that your committee are constrained to say are sometimes found acting antagonistically to each other.

Your committee can conceive, on the other hand, no reason why the present divided existence should be maintained—no argument in its favor that cannot be satisfactorily answered. The question of the practicability of the union is the only one in our estimation to be decided, and the digestion of a plan to effect it is now in the hands of a committee of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to whose wisdom your committee are content to leave it.

Your committee then would respectfully offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge is heartily in favor of a union between the two Grand Bodies, representing the two branches of the Order in Ohio, believing it to be beneficial to the interests of the Order, and entertaining no doubts of its practicability.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge regards with favor the action already taken by the Grand Lodge of the United States in appointing a committee to revise the secret work and report a plan at the next session of the Grand Lodge for merging the degrees; and hereby instruct our Representatives in that body to use all proper efforts to procure the adoption of such plan as may be reported by said committee, in conformity with the spirit of this resolution.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to forward a copy of the above resolutions to the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ohio; and also to each of our Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Fraternally submitted.

THOMSON L. BROWN,
GEO. H. MARSHALL,
H. B. TAYLOR,
D. OVERDIER,
J. W. MILLS.

Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, presented the appeal of the minority of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, from the action of said Grand Lodge in the case of Franklin Lodge, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Buckingham, of Massachusetts, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Tucker, of Massachusetts, presented on behalf of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts a bound copy of the Journal of that Grand Body to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Mitchell, from the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, presented the last amended Constitution of that Grand Encampment, and also the action of the said Grand Encampment on the mergement question. The first was referred to the Committee on Constitutions and the last to the Committee on Mergement.

Rep. Taylor, of Pennsylvania, presented the appeal of P. G's Lyndale and Stirling, of No. 146 of Pennsylvania, against the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Also, the appeal of Lodge No. 235, of Pennsylvania, against the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Clemmer, of Ohio, presented the following proceedings and resolutions of the Grand Encampment of Ohio on the subject of mergement of Lodge and Encampment degrees, which was, on his motion, referred to the special committee on that subject:

R. W. GRAND ENCAMPMENT, I. O. O. F., OF OHIO,
Office R. W. Grand Scribe, Cincinnati, May 6, 1858.

I hereby certify that the following report was submitted to the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ohio, and unanimously adopted, at the session held at Columbus, May 4, 1858.

WM. M. HUBBELL, *Grand Scribe.*

To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ohio:

Your committee, to which was referred so much of the Grand Patriarch's report as relates to the subject of the "mergement" of the Encampment with the Subordinate branch of the Order, respectfully report, that the limited time allowed your committee to examine into the question has prevented them from setting forth in detail, as fully as they wished to do, the reasons impelling them to the conclusions to which they have arrived.

Your committee are aware that the question has been agitated for several years in the Grand Lodge of the United States, but so far they have utterly failed to produce any tangible plan by which the mergement could be accomplished, and in fact no plan whatever, so far as your committee are aware, has ever yet been presented to accomplish the purpose.

The question has also several times been raised in the Grand Encampment of Ohio, and whenever any expression of opinion has been given, it has been uniformly against mergement.

Your committee can discover no sufficient reason for abolishing the Encampment branch of the Order. It is true there are some Subordinate Encampments in Ohio in a languishing state, but nearly all are in a prosperous condition, the returns for the last two years showing a small but steady increase in membership. If a few of the Encampments being in a languishing condition be a reason for abolishing the Encampment branch, why not, for the same reason, abolish the

Subordinate branch of our Order? For we all know that there are some Lodges in the State that barely maintain their existence.

The Encampment branch of our Order has been built up in the State of Ohio until it is now in a prosperous condition. It is doing very well; let it alone; touch it not with a destroying hand; it is too highly cherished by the members of the Order in this State for them to consent to its destruction. It has been said that the Encampment branch creates an inequality among the members of the Order, for the reason that the means of some brothers will not enable them to take the Encampment degrees; but we do not see the force of this objection, as the same objection would apply to having any degrees in the Subordinate branch. Again it is said that the Encampment is an expensive institution. So would the degrees be expensive if merged into the Subordinate Lodges; and, in fact, there are a great many Subordinate Lodges that could not bear the expense of providing materials in order to confer said degrees if merged.

We take it for granted that there is no one bold enough to advocate the abolishment altogether of the beautiful and sublime lessons taught by our Encampment degrees, but they propose merging them, which would, as a matter of course, entail the expense on the Subordinates now borne by the Encampments.

Your committee would therefore offer for adoption the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That the Grand Encampment of Ohio is opposed to the mergement of the subordinate branches of the Lodges and Encampments, believing that the same would be injudicious and injurious to the best interests of the Order in this State.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Scribe of this Encampment furnish a copy of these resolutions to the R. W. Grand Representatives from this Grand Encampment, and that the same be presented by them to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. CLEMMER,
L. S. BELL,
W. R. HAZLETT.

Rep. Clemmer, of Ohio, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, with the inquiry accompanying, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

R. W. GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF OHIO, I. O. O. F.,
Office of the R. W. Grand Scribe, Cincinnati, May 5, 1858.

The following amendments to the constitution and laws of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, as approved by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, at the session held in September, 1857, have been adopted in accordance with the constitution, and are submitted for your approval; and at the same time I am requested to ask the question: after a constitution for a State Grand Body has been approved by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, *is it necessary to submit* to that body any amendments or alterations of a purely local character, and intended to perfect the original document?

Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth,
WM. M. HUBBELL, *Grand Scribe*

1. Section seven of article three originally read as follows:

Original.—In case of a vacancy from any cause in the office of Representative, it shall be the duty of the Chief Patriarch to notify the M. W. Grand Patriarch of such vacancy, and the M. W. Grand Patriarch shall immediately order an election to be held, within one month from the time the Encampment receives such order, to fill the vacancy.

The amendment to the same is as follows:

Amendment.—Strike out all after the word "Representative" and insert "the Subordinate Encampment on being notified thereof may proceed to fill such vacancy at the next meeting thereafter."

2. Section two of article six was originally as follows:

Original.—The nomination of candidates for the offices to be filled at the an-

nual session may be made by any member transmitting the M. W. Grand Patriarch, under his own signature, the name of a Past Patriarch, signifying the office for which he is a candidate before the first of *March*, at which time the Grand Patriarch shall notify the nominees for each office of their nomination; and if accepted, in writing, he shall communicate their names to the Grand Scribe, whose duty it shall be, during the month of *April*, to transmit to the several Encampments said nominations, together with blank forms for proxy votes.

Amendments to the foregoing are:

Amendment.—Strike out the word "March" and insert "January;" after the word "writing" insert "by or before the first day of February; strike out the word "April" and insert "March."

3. Article ten, section one.

Original.—The revenue of the Grand Encampment shall consist of fees for charter, and *five* per cent. upon the total amount of moneys received by each Subordinate Encampment in the State, for degrees, membership, dues, fines, &c.

Amendment.—The amendment is to strike out the word "five" and insert "eight."

Rep. Whitaker, of New Jersey, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, submitted the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That Subordinate Encampments and Lodges, when visiting in a body, may be admitted without the formality of a separate examination of each Patriarch or Brother, provided that the Chief Patriarch or Senior Warden accompany the Encampment, and the Noble Grand or Vice Grand the Lodge, in which case after a satisfactory examination of one of those officers, such Encampment or Lodge may, by vote of the Encampment or Lodge it is visiting, be admitted to the room, and introduced without further ceremony by the Examining Committee, the officer examined to be deemed responsible for the standing in the Order of those by whom he is accompanied.

Rep. I. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That in cases where Subordinate Encampments become defunct, upon payment of such dues as may appear against them, the Grand Patriarch together with the Grand Scribe shall have authority to grant withdrawal cards to the members of such Camps.

Rep. Lockett, of Texas, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, presented the appeal of J. P. Prescott and others from the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Green, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be required to consider and report upon the expediency of introducing such new legislation as may be necessary to permit Encampment members to retain their membership in that branch of the Order after having honorably withdrawn from the Subordinate Lodge.

Rep. Brewster, of California, presented the following inquiry from

the Grand Lodge of California, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Can a State Grand Lodge enact a law authorizing a Subordinate Lodge under its jurisdiction to change the name of a brother admitted to the Lodge by initiation under a fictitious or assumed name: if not, what is the proper action to be taken in such a case?

Rep. Johnson, of California, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of that State, presented a complete copy of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of California to the library of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Also, the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Also, the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of California, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Fuller, of Lower Provinces of British North America, submitted the following inquiry, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions:

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces provides an election of Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States annually. Such Constitution having received the *approval* of this Grand Lodge, and being directly in opposition to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, what action is necessary for the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces on this matter?

Rep. Yale, of Canada West, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

The Grand Secretary presented the following appeals, received at his office during the recess, which were severally referred to the Committee on Appeals: Appeal of Moxhola Lodge, No. 144, of Ohio; of Samuel Willard and others of Illinois; of DeKalb Lodge, No. 9, of Georgia; of Adam Lodge, No. 35, of Maryland.

On motion of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

GEORGE W. RACE.....M. W. Grand Sire.
BENJAMIN CONLEY.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
CALEB RAND.....R. W. Grand Chaplain, *p. t.*
A. M. FOUTE.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
S. H. LEWYT.....W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.W. Grand Messenger.

And a Representation from every jurisdiction excepting Nebraska.

Prayer by Bro. Caleb Rand, R. W. Grand Chaplain, *p. t.*

On motion of Rep. Herndon, of Indiana, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Armstrong, of Illinois, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials would further report the credentials of Past Grand Master Charles B. Mitchell, as the Representative from the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Arkansas, as correct.

P. A. ARMSTRONG,
ISAAC M. TUCKER,
V. C. PEERS,
E. G. FULLER,
L. K. BARBER.

Rep. Armstrong, of Illinois, from the same committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Credentials, to whom was referred the matter of the contested seat in this Grand Body from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, beg leave to report that by article eight of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania the officers of that Grand Body are elected during vacation by the several Past Grands in their Subordinate Lodges, the nominations having first been made in the Grand Lodge while in session; that in April, 1857, (and being the constitutional time for the election of a Representative to this Grand Body from said jurisdiction) 3,627 votes were cast for Grand Representative, and that P. G. M. D. Francis Condie received 2,061, P. G. Amos Briggs received 1,390, scattering 176; that P. G. M. Condie having received a plurality and majority of the votes cast, was by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which assembled in May following said election, declared elected, and a certificate thereof sent up to this Grand Body at our last session, which certificate was referred to the Committee of this Grand Body on Credentials, and passed upon, and he declared to be entitled to his seat on this floor, but he did not appear or take his seat as such; that a special session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was held in February, A. D. 1858, in which they declared that P. G. M. D. Francis Condie had not, at the time of his election, attained the royal purple degree, and was therefore ineligible as Representative to this Grand Body, and directed their Grand Officers to give a certificate of election to P. G. Amos Briggs, which certificate is in the hands of your committee. Inasmuch as this Grand Body reserves the sole right of judging of the qualifications of its own members, and as the evidence does not show P. G. Amos Briggs to have been constitutionally, legally, or even constructively elected, your committee are of the opinion that he is clearly not entitled to a seat as Representative on this floor; and we are further of the opinion that the evidence shows that P. G. M. Condie has never received the royal purple degree in a legal way, and that hence he was and is ineligible, and that therefore the seat is vacant; therefore

Resolved, That the seat of Bro. P. G. M. D. Francis Condie, as a Representative to this Grand Body, from the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, be and is hereby declared vacant.

P. A. ARMSTRONG,
L. K. BARBER,
E. G. FULLER,
ISAAC M. TUCKER,
V. C. PEERS.

On motion of Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, the report was made the special order of the day when the Lodge reaches the reports of the Standing Committees.

Rep. Lockett, of Texas, from the select committee on that subject, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to which was referred the annual report of the M. W. Grand Sire, for the purpose of distributing the same to appropriate committees, respectfully submit—

First. That so much of said report as refers to the death of P. G. M. Daniel Hersey, of Massachusetts, be referred to a select committee.

Second. That so much of said report as refers to the death of P. G. M. William A. Bell, of Massachusetts, be referred to a select committee.

Third. That so much of said report as refers to the death of Grand Representative John Wallace, of Connecticut, be referred to a select committee.

Fourth. That so much of said report as refers to the death of P. G. Sire Howell Hopkins be referred to a select committee.

Fifth. That so much of said report as refers to the condition of the Order in New Mexico and the Sandwich Islands and elsewhere, and the granting of charters for Grand Lodges in Kansas and Nebraska, be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Sixth. That the decisions of the M W. Grand Sire be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Seventh. That so much as relates to the financial condition of the Grand Lodge be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Eighth. That so much as relates to mergement be referred to the select committee upon that subject.

There are other matters in the report of the M. W. Grand Sire not requiring special reference, but the committee must say that the report thoughout exhibits an interest in the Order, an ability unequalled, and an ardent desire to promote the great ends and objects of Odd-Fellowship, worthy of the high position from which the report emanates.

Fraternally submitted.

HENRY E. LOCKETT,
ALEX. E. GLENN,
ISRAEL ROBINSON.

Rep. Lockett, of Texas, from the same committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee, to which was referred the annual report of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, respectfully submit that much of said report, although containing valuable information, requires no special reference, yet it should be spread before the entire Brotherhood. The committee recommend:

First. That so much of said report as refers to the State of the Order generally be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Second. That so much as refers to the granting of warrants be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Third. That so much as relates to the financial condition of the Order be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Fourth. That so much as relates to a new form of diploma and cards be referred to a special committee.

Fraternally submitted.

HENRY E. LOCKETT,
ALEX. E. GLENN,
ISRAEL ROBINSON.

The Chair announced the following as the Committee on Unfinished Business, provided for by the resolution adopted yesterday: Reps. Davis, of New Hampshire; Straw, of Maine; and White of California.

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the opinion of the M. W. Grand Sire on the admission of Polynesians into membership, to be found at page 2698, of the printed Journal, together with the reports of the majority and minority of the late committee on the State of the Order on the same subject, to be found at pages 2779 and 2804 of the printed proceedings, be referred to a special committee of five, who shall examine and report upon the whole subject.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, moved to adopt the resolution, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That instruction in the secret or unwritten work of the Order be made the special order of the day for Thursday, at ten o'clock A. M.

Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, moved to amend by inserting "half-past seven" in the evening, instead of "ten" in the morning.

The question being on the amendment proposed, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the resolution, it was adopted.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, presented the revised Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Tennessee, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Cornwell, of Northern New York, from the special committee on that subject, submitted the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee, charged with the subject of revision and mergement of the Subordinate and Encampment work, ask leave respectfully to report that they have understood the duty assigned to

them to be to report a plan whereby the work of the Subordinate Lodge and Encampment might be consolidated, and so to revise and arrange the charges and lectures of both these branches of the Order as to present as a homogeneous whole one work.

If the committee have understood the object of their appointment aright, they have but little difficulty in reporting that in their judgment such a plan is, under the existing Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, impracticable.

This idea would necessarily involve the abolition of Grand Encampments, either by legislation or as an incident to such legislation. These Grand Bodies have a constitutional existence which is declared to be inviolate so long as they act in conformity to that law, which is alike obligatory upon the grantor and the recipient of the chartered immunity.

Your committee, having very clear views upon this subject *in limine*, are restrained from submitting a project of law which could not, in their judgment, be constitutionally entertained by the Grand Lodge. They nevertheless are of opinion that if this constitutional impediment was removed by such a change in that instrument as would transfer the jurisdiction over the Patriarchal branch to the State Grand Lodges, whence it was originally derived, and by the imposition of such qualifications for membership in these Grand Bodies as would appropriately fit them for the supervision of such Subordinates, that the local interests of that branch of the Order as well as its general prosperity would be greatly promoted, and perhaps at the same time the question of mergement be forever settled.

There can be no doubt but that there is great force in the necessity which impels the jurisdictions in which the Encampment branch is feeble to ask at the hands of this Grand Lodge some protection against dissolution and death, and we think that there can be as little doubt of the earnest desire of the Lodge to exert its utmost capacity to yield the support and favor asked, so far as it is practicable. The difficulty in the way is, that whilst mergement, as a whole, and a work suited to such a state of things, might gratify the weak and feeble, it would serve to agitate and convulse the strong and prosperous. The suggestion presented by the committee, it has occurred to them, would assist the Encampment branches in some jurisdictions by bringing legislation upon the subject at their own doors, where their local wants would be best known and cared for, and could not, on the other hand, prejudice such localities in which the present Encampment system is cherished, since the same local power of legislation would equally appreciate and respect such interests and wants.

Under existing circumstances, however, the committee, for the reasons expressed, decline very respectfully to submit any plan of mergement of the degrees or work of the Subordinate and Encampment branches, and respectfully ask to be discharged.

WILLIAM I. CORNWELL,
H. F. ASKEW,
JAMES L. RIDGELY,
ALEX. E. GLENN.

The undersigned, members of the Committee on Revision and Mergement, beg leave to state that they are opposed to revision and to mergement in any form or to any extent. But while they cannot concur in any measure introducing change in either of these important subjects, still, if a change has to be made, the modified plan proposed by the committee is, perhaps, the most practicable and feasible which can be presented.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH.

Pending the consideration of this report, the hour of 10 o'clock, fixed by the special order of yesterday for the nomination and election of Grand Officers, having arrived—

On motion of Rep. Hunt, of Texas, the Lodge proceeded to that subject, when the following nominations were made for M W. Grand Sire:

By Rep. Hunt, of Texas,	P. G. M. S. Craighead, of Ohio.
By Rep. Kellogg, of Wisconsin,	P. G. M. J. W. Dwinelle, of N. N. Y.
By Rep. Thayer, of S. Carolina,	P. G. M. G. W. Cassedy, of N. J.
By Rep. Straw, of Maine,	P. G. M. T. G. Senter, of N. H.
By Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky,	P. G. M. H. F. Askew, of Del.
By Rep. Caldwell, of N. Carolina,	P. G. M. E. C. Robinson, of Va.
By Rep. Lockett, of Texas,	P. G. M. R. B. Boylston, of S. C

Reps. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, and Boylston, of South Carolina, with leave of the Lodge, withdrew their names as candidates for the office of M. W. G. Sire.

The nominations being closed, the Chair named Reps. Johnson, of California, and Howe, of Mississippi, as tellers, and the Grand Lodge proceeded to the election. The tellers reported that ninety-one ballots had been cast, of which number—

P. G. M. Samuel Craighead	received	34
P. G. M. J. W. Dwinelle	"	25
P. G. M. T. G. Senter	"	12
P. G. M. G. W. Cassedy	"	10
P. G. M. H. F. Askew	"	10

Whereupon no election was had, and the Lodge proceeded again to the election.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that ninety-one ballots had been cast; of which number

P. G. M. Samuel Craighead	received	42
P. G. M. J. W. Dwinelle	"	33
P. G. M. G. W. Cassedy	"	9
P. G. M. H. F. Askew	"	4
P. G. M. T. G. Senter	"	3

Whereupon no election was had, and the Lodge proceeded again to the election.

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, asked and obtained leave to withdraw his name as a candidate for M. W. Grand Sire.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. G. M. G. W. Cassedy, of New Jersey, as a candidate for M. W. Grand Sire.

Rep. Kidder, of New Hampshire, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. D. Grand Sire Senter as a candidate for M. W. Grand Sire.

Rep Wolford, of Kentucky, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. G. M. H. F. Askew, of Delaware, as a candidate for M. W. Grand Sire.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that eighty-four ballots had been polled, all of which had been cast for P. G. M. Samuel Craighead, of Ohio.

Whereupon the Chair announced that P. G. M. SAMUEL CRAIGHEAD, of Ohio, was the unanimously elected M. W. Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to nominations for the office of R. W. D. G. Sire, when the following were made:

By Rep. Cassedy, of N. Jersey,	P. G. M. R. B. Boylston, of S. C.
By Rep. Stuart, of D. of C.,	P. G. M. E. H. Fitzhugh, of Va.
By Rep. Glenn, of Ohio,	P. G. M. I M. Veitch, of Missouri.
By Rep. Hemingray, of Kansas,	P. G. A. Shinkle, of Kentucky.
By Rep. Lockett, of Texas,	P. G. Benj. Conley, of Georgia.
By Rep. Fuller, of L. Provinces,	P. G. M. E. D. Farnsworth, of T.
By Rep. Hodgson, of D. of C.	P. G. M. E. C. Robinson, of Va.
By Rep. Shinkle, of Kentucky,	P. G. M. C. Wolford, of Kentucky.
By Rep. Wilcox, of Tennessee,	P. G. E. G. Fuller, of L. Provinces.
By Rep. Shields, of Louisiana,	P. G. M. H. G. Stetson, of La.
By Rep. Crutcher, of Mississippi,	P. G. M. W. Thayer, of S. C.
By Rep. Shinkle, of Kentucky,	P. G. J. C. Hemingray, of Kansas.
By Rep. Straw, of Maine,	P. G. S. E. May, of Oregon.
By Rep. Blake, of Louisiana,	P. G. A. M. Foute, of Tennessee.

Reps. Boylston, Farnsworth, E. C. Robinson, Wolford, Shinkle, Conley, Veitch, Fuller, Hemingray, May, Stetson, and G. Marshal Foute, with leave of the Lodge, declined the nomination.

The nominations being closed, the Lodge proceeded to the election.

The Chair announced Reps. Harvey, of Indiana, and Young, of Maryland, as tellers, who having received the votes of the Representatives, reported that ninety-two ballots had been cast, of which number—

P. G. M. E. H. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, received 63.
P. G. M. William Thayer, of South Carolina, received 29.

Whereupon the Chair announced that P. G. M. EDWARD H. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, having received a majority of the votes polled, was the duly elected Deputy Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to nominations for the office of R. W.

Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, when the following was made:

By Rep. Veitch, of Missouri—P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Maryland.

The nominations being closed, the Chair named Reps. May, of Oregon, and Burnham, of Maine, as tellers.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that seventy-one ballots had been cast, all of which had been cast for P. G. M. James L. Ridgely.

Whereupon the Chair announced that P. G. M. JAMES L. RIDGELY was unanimously elected R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to nominations for the office of R. W. Grand Treasurer, when

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, nominated M. W. G. M. Joshua Vansant, of Maryland.

The nominations being closed, the Lodge proceeded to the election.

The Chair named Reps. Clarke, of Vermont, and Zimmerman, of Pennsylvania, as tellers, who having received the ballots, reported that sixty-two votes had been polled, all of which were cast for M. W. G. M. Joshua Vansant, of Maryland.

Whereupon the M. W. Grand Sire declared M. W. Grand Master JOSHUA VANSANT, of Maryland, unanimously elected R. W. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing term.

Twelve o'clock, the hour fixed for recess, having now arrived, the Lodge receded from business for thirty minutes.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

Rep. I. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Mergement be received and laid upon the table, and that the subject be referred to a committee of five, with P. G. M. Fred. D. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, as chairman, who are hereby instructed to report as early as practicable.

Rep. Whitaker, of New Jersey, moved to adopt the resolution.

Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, moved to lay the resolution on the table.

The question being on the motion to lay on the table, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Hunt, of Texas, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the per diem for this session of the Grand Lodge of the United States be three dollars.

Resolved, That the mileage for members for this session be rated at five cents per mile, and that the same be calculated from the nearest mail route, unless it may appear to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem that there is a nearer travelled route, in which case the travelled route takes precedence.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will adjourn, sine die, on Saturday 25th inst at 3½ o'clock P. M.

Rep. Danenhower, of Illinois, moved to amend the last resolution by striking out "Saturday" and inserting "Friday."

Rep. Hoke, of North Carolina, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Danenhower, of Illinois—

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment offered by Rep. Danenhower, of Illinois, to strike out 'Saturday' and insert 'Friday?'" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Hunt, of Texas—

Rep. Crutcher, of Mississippi, asked a division of the question.

The question then being on the two first resolutions, they were adopted.

The question recurring on the third resolution, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, moved that the Grand Lodge adjourn *sine die* on Friday at 1 o'clock.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved to adjourn *sine die* at 9 o'clock P. M. of that day.

Rep. I. Robinson, of Virginia, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger be requested to procure a necessary number of one cent postage stamps, that the Representatives can buy the same of him for mailing the printed minutes.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, submitted the following proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Delaware:

WILMINGTON, August 12, 1858.

At an adjourned meeting of the R. W. Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F., of the state of Delaware, held at the above date, among other business the following was had:

Resolved, That the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States be and is hereby instructed to use his influence in favor of bringing the patriarchal branch of the Order to its original position, subject to the jurisdiction of the State Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That in case of a failure on the part of the Grand Lodge of the United States at its next session to pass some permanent measure of relief to the patriarchal branch of the Order, that the proper officers of this Grand Encampment be and are hereby directed to forward the effects and charter of this Grand Encampment to the Grand Lodge of the United States on the last day of the session.

Resolved, That a copy of the above resolutions be given to the Grand Representative.

I testify that the above resolutions are a correct copy of the minutes of the Grand Encampment of Delaware, held at the above date.

LEVI H. SPRINGER, *Grand Scribe.*

Rep. Johnson, of California, submitted the following inquiry from the Grand Encampment of California, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Can a brother who has applied for membership by card in an Encampment or Lodge be considered a member thereof before he has been introduced and signed the constitution and by-laws, or is he a member and subject to dues from the date of his election?

Rep. Lints, of Pennsylvania, presented the following inquiry from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Has a State Grand Lodge, by its constitution or its by-laws a right to restrict the privilege of voting for Grand Officers in any contingency to the Representatives of the Subordinate Lodges, and to exclude other Past Grands who have been admitted to membership?

In a State jurisdiction where the Grand Lodge officers are voted for by the Past Grands in the Subordinate Lodges, has the Grand Lodge the right to enact a law giving all scarlet degree members in good standing the privilege to vote for Grand Lodge officers?

Also, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the certificate of membership by J. S. Duvall, of Philadelphia (a copy of which is now in this Hall by presentation) receive the sanction of this Grand Lodge so far as to allow or authorize officers of Subordinate Lodges to affix their signatures to the same in their official capacity.

Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, presented the appeal of Rep. Blake from the action of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, moved the following resolutions, which, on his motion, was laid on the table:

Resolved, That a committee to consist of five members or past members of this Grand Lodge be selected by ballot to revise the lectures and work of the Subordinate Lodge degrees.

Resolved, That the said committee be advised, although not instructed, to reduce the number of the degrees of the Subordinate Lodge and to connect with each an initiatory ceremony.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Returns be directed to report what Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, if any, have failed to comply with the law of this Grand Lodge establishing and regulating a uniform term for Subordinate Lodges.

Rep. Archer, of Missouri, presented the revised Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Missouri, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Also, a resolution from the Grand Encampment of Missouri, as follows, which, on his motion, was laid on the table:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Encampment of Missouri is in favor of abolishing the Representatives of Grand Encampments in the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Armstrong, of Illinois, submitted the following query from the Grand Lodge of Illinois, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Is a brother holding a final card of over one year's date a competent petitioner for a dispensation to open a new lodge?

Also, an amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Also, the following proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois:

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ILLINOIS, I. O. O. F.,
Office of the R. W. Grand Secretary, Bloomington, Ill., September 7, 1858.

The following resolution was adopted by unanimous vote of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, at its annual session, October 15, 1857:

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be and they are hereby instructed to use their influence in the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its next session, in favor of the pending amendment to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States reducing the ratio of Representatives in that body to one Representative from each Grand Body. A true copy. Attest,

SAMUEL WILLARD, *Grand Secretary.*

Also, the appeal of Samuel Willard from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Danenhower, of Illinois, presented the following proceedings of the Grand Encampment of Illinois:

R. W. GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF ILLINOIS, I. O. O. F.,
Grand Scribe's Office, Bloomington, Illinois, September 7, 1858.

The following resolution was adopted *nem. con.* by the R. W. Grand Encampment of Illinois, at its annual session, October 14, 1857:

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States are hereby instructed to use their influence in favor of dispensing with the representation from Grand Encampments to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

A true copy. Attest,

SAMUEL WILLARD, *Grand Scribe.*

On motion of Rep. I. Robinson, of Virginia, it was resolved that printed copies of appeals, made in conformity to the law, be received.

Rep. Hoke, of North Carolina, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved by this Grand Lodge now assembled in annual communication, That our Representatives to the next Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of the United States, be and they are hereby instructed to unite and urge upon the Grand Lodge of the United States to consider the propriety of so changing our law as to make the period of official service in Subordinate Lodges, twelve instead of six months, and to permit the subordinates, at their option, to hold weekly, monthly, and semi-monthly meetings.

Rep. Kidder, of New Hampshire, presented the revised Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Hills, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be required to consider and report upon the propriety of establishing a form to be used in the dedicating of Odd-Fellows' Halls.

Rep. Mitchell, of Arkansas, submitted a matter of grievance between Far West Lodge of Arkansas and Hope Lodge of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Johnson, of California, presented a paper from the Grand Lodge of Australia Odd-Fellows on the subject of supplies, and moved its reference to a special committee, which was adopted.

The Chair named the California delegation as the committee.

Rep. White, of California, presented the following proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be and are hereby requested to call the attention of that body to the necessity of their providing blank cards for the degree of the Daughters of Rebekah.

Rep. Johnson, of California, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States does hereby empower the Grand Encampment of California to receive into its jurisdiction all Subordinate Encampments now in existence situated on the Pacific Coast and the Islands thereof, providing said Subordinate Encampments consent thereto.

Rep. Foster, of Michigan, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger be directed to place on the desks of each Representative fifty-five copies of the Grand Sire's report and fifty-five copies of the Grand Secretary's report in form for mailing.

Rep. Whitaker, of New Jersey, moved to amend the resolution by striking out "fifty-five," and inserting "fifty," which was adopted, and the resolution, as amended, was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Lints, of Pennsylvania, the vote had this morning, making the contested election from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania the special order for the time therein fixed, was reconsidered.

The question being then on the adoption of the resolution to make the said contested election the special order for the time therein prescribed—

Rep. Dwinelle, the mover of the said resolution, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the same.

On motion of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on Credentials, touching the right of P. G. Amos Briggs to a seat in the Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved to concur in the report and adopt the resolution accompanying it.

Pending the consideration of which—

On motion of Rep. Hoke, of North Carolina, P. G. Amos Briggs, the contestant, had leave to address the Grand Lodge in behalf of his right to the seat claimed by him; and having made his address—

The question being on the motion of Rep. Askew, of Delaware, to concur in the report of the Committee on Credentials and to adopt the accompanying resolution—

Rep. I. Robinson, of Virginia, moved to recommit the report to the committee with instructions to report as follows:

WHEREAS no brother is present contesting the seat of Amos Briggs from the State of Pennsylvania, and as the Grand Lodge of said state, by its recent action, has recognised him as its Representative—therefore

Resolved, That P. G. Amos Briggs be received as a Representative from the Grand Lodge thereof.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge concur in the report of the Committee on Credentials and adopt the resolution accompanying it?" which was resolved unanimously in the affirmative.

Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, having asked for the ayes and nays, they were ordered and appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Adams, (2 votes,) Archer, Armstrong, Armington, Askew, Barber, Barry, Blake, Boylston, Brewster, Buckingham, Burnham, Caldwell, Cassedy, Clark, of Vermont, Clayton, Clemmer, Conley, Cornwell, Crutcher, Danenhower, Davis, Dwinelle, Edwards, Escavaille, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, Foster, Fuller, Garret, Gilmore, Glenn, Green, Harvey, Hemingray, Herndon, Hills, Hodgson, Hoke, Howe, Hunt, Jackson, Johnson, Kellogg, Kennedy, Kidder, Langdon, Lints, (2 votes,) McAuley, McKinstry, Marley, Marsh, Mason, May, Mitchell, of Arkansas, Mitchell, of South Carolina, Nutter, Peers, Phelps, Pope, Rand, Rich, Richardson, (2 votes,) E. C. Robinson, Israel Robinson, J. H. Robinson, Shields, Shinkle, Stetson, Stewart, Storer, Straw, Stuart, Tapley, Taylor, Thayer, Tucker, of Massachusetts, Tucker, of New Jersey, Veitch, Wilson, Whitaker, White, Wilkinson, Wilcox, (2 votes,) Wolford, Yale, Young, Zimmerman—92.

Rep. Stuart, of District Columbia, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That P. G. A. Briggs be and he is hereby declared the duly authenticated Representative from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and that he is entitled to a seat in this Grand Lodge as a Representative from said state.

On motion of Rep. Stewart, of Indiana, the resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

The following proposed amendments to the Constitution were laid upon the table:

By Rep. Lints, of Pennsylvania, seconded by Rep. Tapley, of New Hampshire, and Rep. Young, of Maryland:

Amend article one, section three of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, by inserting after the word Encampments, in tenth line, the words "excepting also the State of Pennsylvania, which shall be entitled to two Grand Lodges, whenever it shall so resolve."

By Rep. Crutcher, of Mississippi, seconded by Reps. McKinstry and McAuley, of Alabama, and Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana:

Amend article twelfth by striking out "third Monday" and insert "first Monday."

The hour of 3½ o'clock having arrived, the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, pursuant to the special order to that effect.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

GEORGE W. RACE.....M. W. Grand Sire.
BENJAMIN CONLEY.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
CALEB RAND.....R. W. Grand Chaplain, *p. t.*
S. H. LEWYT.....W. Grand Guardian.
J. E. CHAMBERLAIN.....W. Grand Messenger.

And a representation from every Grand Jurisdiction in the Order.

Prayer by Bro. Caleb Rand, R. W. Grand Chaplain, *p. t.*

On motion of Rep. Armstrong, of Illinois, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Armstrong, of Illinois, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Credentials, to whom was referred the credentials of P. G. W. H. Cook, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, report the same correct and recommend that he be received as the Representative from that jurisdiction.

P. A. ARMSTRONG,
ISAAC M. TUCKER,
V. C. PEERS,
L. K. BARBER,
E. G. FULLER.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer submitted the following, being his annual report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

I have the honor to present herewith my annual report of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, with a statement of the receipts and disbursements from the 23d of September, 1857, to September 21st, 1858, inclusive:

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.*

1857.	TO CASH RECEIVED.	DR.
Sept. 22,	To cash balance as per report, page 2740, Journal.....	$10,413 24
	To amount received from Grand Secretary Ridgely from 23d September, 1857, to 21st September, 1858, both inclusive,	16,943 73
Nov. 27,	To note of the Grand Lodge of the United States, dated October 26th, 1857, at three months, and issued under resolution of September 24, 1857, page 2788, Journal...	650 00
Dec. 9,	To do. do. dated October 26th, 1857, at four months.....	850 00
1858.		
Jan. 8,	To do. do. dated October 15th, 1857, at 6 months.....	500 00
Jan. 8,	To do. do. dated November 16th, 1857, at 6 months.....	500 00

Jan. 8,	To premium on draft on New York.....	1 93
June 14,	Note of Grand Lodge under resolution of September 24th, 1857, dated June 4th, 1858, at ninety days.....	750 00
Sept. 20,	Matured note of Grand Lodge of Maine, with interest.....	65 15
Sept. 20,	Matured note of Grand Encampment of Maine, with interest,	43 61
		$30,717 65

1857.		BY CASH PAID.	Cr.
Sept. 24,	No. 1,	John Crickard, mileage and per diem.....	$156 80
Sept. 24,	No. 2,	Benjamin Verner, mileage and per diem.....	102 00
Sept. 25,	No. 3,	Charles Moore, mileage and per diem.....	29 00
Sept. 25,	No. 4,	R. B. Boylston, mileage and per diem.....	77 30
Sept. 25,	No. 5,	F. M. Foster, mileage and per diem.....	111 80
Sept. 25,	No. 6,	Daniel Washburn, mileage and per diem.....	31 30
Sept. 25,	No. 7,	F. E. Woodbridge, mileage and per diem.....	64 30
Sept. 25,	No. 8,	L. C. Langdon, mileage and per diem.....	31 20
Sept. 25,	No. 9,	E. G. Fuller, mileage and per diem.....	128 50
Sept. 25,	No. 10,	C. Yale, mileage and per diem.....	59 00
Sept. 25,	No. 11,	Nathan Porter, mileage and per diem.....	51 70
Sept. 26,	No. 12,	S. H. Parker, mileage and per diem.....	613 30
Sept. 26,	No. 13,	I. M. Veitch, mileage and per diem.....	110 80
Sept. 26,	No. 14,	Thomas N. Blake, mileage and per diem.....	162 80
Sept. 26,	No. 15,	H. G. Stetson, mileage and per diem.....	162 80
Sept. 26,	No. 16,	S. L. Adams, mileage and per piem.....	86 80
Sept. 26,	No. 17,	James Phelps, mileage and per diem.....	51 00
Sept. 26,	No. 18,	Dexter Gilmore, mileage and per diem.....	63 00
Sept. 26,	No. 19,	E. H. Fitzhugh, mileage and per diem.....	55 90
Sept. 26,	No. 20,	E. C. Robinson, mileage and per diem.....	38 00
Sept. 26,	No. 21,	L. K. Barber, mileage and per diem.....	169 00
Sept. 26,	No. 22,	J. H. Lawrence, mileage and per diem.....	156 50
Sept. 26,	No. 23,	J. W. Pruett, mileage and per diem.....	89 70
Sept. 26,	No. 24,	C. Wolford, mileage and per diem.....	90 40
Sept. 26,	No. 25,	W. H. H. Prall, mileage and per diem.....	52 20
Sept. 26,	No. 26,	S. S. Davis, mileage and per diem.....	66 20
Sept. 26,	No. 27,	Joseph Kidder, mileage and per diem.....	68 00
Sept. 26,	No. 28,	J. C. Terry, mileage and per diem.....	165 30
Sept. 26,	No. 29,	W. P. Taylor, mileage and per diem.....	27 80
Sept. 26,	No. 30,	E. P. Hunt, mileage and per diem.....	199 80
Sept. 26,	No. 31,	Wm. G. Webb, mileage and per diem.....	223 70
Sept. 26,	No. 32,	T. Shackelford, mileage and per diem.....	158 00
Sept. 26,	No. 33,	J. W. Hodgson, mileage and per diem.....	22 00
Sept. 26,	No. 34,	W. I. Cornwell, mileage and per diem.....	70 60
Sept. 26,	No. 35,	D. Wilkinson, mileage and per diem.....	54 90
Sept. 26,	No. 36,	I. M. Tucker, mileage and per diem.....	30 40
Sept. 26,	No. 37,	H. E. Lockett, mileage and per diem.....	217 80
Sept. 26,	No. 38,	Otis Kaler, mileage and per diem.....	79 80
Sept. 26,	No. 39,	Martin Heisey, mileage and per diem.....	128 00
Sept. 26,	No. 40,	Warren Heaton, mileage and per diem.....	638 00
Sept. 26,	No. 41,	H. F. Askew, mileage and per diem.....	25 50
Sept. 26,	No. 42,	J. B. Kellogg, mileage and per diem.....	116 30
Sept. 26,	No. 43,	M. Herndon, mileage and per diem.....	95 60
Sept. 26,	No. 44,	W. K. Edwards, mileage and per diem.....	95 30
Sept. 26,	No. 45,	Prescott Robinson, mileage and per diem.....	628 00
Sept. 26,	No. 46,	V. C. Peers, mileage and per diem.....	120 30
Sept. 26,	No. 47,	S. H. Bailey, mileage and per diem.....	110 80
Sept. 26,	No. 48,	M. K. Burbank, mileage and per diem.....	68 80
Sept. 26,	No. 49,	W. J. Hoke, mileage and per diem.....	79 40
Sept. 26,	No. 50,	E. D. Farnsworth, mileage and per diem.....	136 50
Sept. 26,	No. 51,	S. Willard, mileage and per diem.....	113 60
Sept. 26,	No. 52,	J. E. Starr, mileage and per diem.....	109 80

Sept. 26,	No. 53,	Caleb Rand, mileage and per diem	58 80
Sept. 26,	No. 54,	H. Eckel, mileage and per diem	25 50
Sept. 26,	No. 55,	W. C. Earle, mileage and per diem	77 70
Sept. 26,	No. 56,	John Pope, mileage and per diem	128 00
Sept. 26,	No. 57,	N. H. Dearborn, mileage and per diem	111 30
Sept. 26,	No. 58,	D. Woolsey, mileage and per diem	101 60
Sept. 26,	No. 59,	P. A. Armstrong, mileage and per diem	113 80
Sept. 26,	No. 60,	M. E. Wilcox, mileage and per diem	138 00
Sept. 26,	No. 61,	E. Mitchell, mileage and per diem	89 00
Sept. 26,	No. 62,	S. B. Krogman, mileage and per diem	58 80
Sept. 26,	No. 63,	John Schlig, mileage and per diem	115 60
Sept. 26,	No. 64,	J. G. McCauley, mileage and per diem	128 50
Sept. 26,	No. 65,	C. R. Hansford, mileage and per diem	123 30
Sept. 26,	No. 66,	M. B. Harper, mileage and per diem	137 53
Sept. 26,	No. 67,	E. H. Barry, mileage and per diem	88 00
Sept. 26,	No. 68,	E. Ilsley, mileage and per diem	116 30
Sept. 26,	No. 69,	E. H. Tucker, mileage and per diem	58 80
Sept. 26,	No. 70,	M. Prime, mileage and per diem	68 80
Sept. 26,	No. 71,	E. P. Gerrish, mileage and per diem	70 30
Sept. 26,	No. 72,	J. S. Horner, mileage and per diem	148 90
Sept. 26,	No. 73,	Hugh Latham, mileage and per diem	22 60
Sept. 26,	No. 74,	F. D. Stuart, mileage and per diem	22 00
Sept. 26,	No. 75,	Wm. Garrett, mileage and per diem	128 00
Sept. 26,	No. 76,	J. G. Clayton, mileage and per diem	37 20
Sept. 26,	No. 77,	G. W. Cassedy, mileage and per diem	37 20
Sept. 26,	No. 78,	J. H. Robinson, mileage and per diem	59 70
Sept. 26,	No. 79,	Thomas Rich, mileage and per diem	22 00
Sept. 26,	No. 80,	John Wallace, mileage and per diem	45 50
Sept. 26,	No. 81,	J. B. Gorham, mileage and per diem	45 80
Sept. 26,	No. 82,	George H. Jones, mileage and per diem	715 00
Sept. 26,	No. 83,	A. E. Glenn, mileage and per diem	69 20
Sept. 26,	No. 84,	George Patten, mileage and per diem	102 30
Sept. 26,	No. 85,	John A. Kennedy, mileage and per diem	37 20
Sept. 26,	No. 86,	Asa B. Clark, mileage and per diem	129 00
Sept. 26,	No. 87,	B. Conley, mileage and per diem	88 70
Sept. 26,	No. 88,	G. W. Adams, mileage and per diem	105 50
Sept. 26,	No. 89,	R. A. Caldwell, mileage and per diem	75 00
Sept. 26,	No. 90,	W. Ellison, mileage and per diem	43 80
Sept. 26,	No. 90,	W. Ellison, postages, &c	20 75
Sept. 26,	No. 91,	W. Thayer, mileage and per diem	89 00
Sept. 26,	No. 92,	S. Craighead, mileage and per diem	77 00
Sept. 26,	No. 93,	J. D. McCabe, per diem	18 00
Sept. 26,	No. 94,	S. H. Lewyt, per diem	18 00
Sept. 26,	No. 95,	G. W. Race, mileage and per diem	162 80
Sept. 26,	No. 96,	T. G. Senter, mileage and per diem	64 80
Sept. 26,	No. 97,	A. M. Foute, mileage per diem	159 60
Sept. 26,	No. 98,	J. Stockbridge, per diem	18 00
Sept. 26,	No. 99,	Richard Marley, per diem	18 00
Sept. 26,	No. 100,	F. A. Ellis, mileage and per diem	23 10
Sept. 26,	No. 101,	Joshua Vansant, per diem	18 00
Sept. 26,	No. 102,	E. P. Hunt, expenses to Washington	7 50
Sept. 26,	No. 103,	Bull & Tuttle, for publishing proposals	15 62
Oct. 3,	No. 105,	G. Mess. Chamberlain, sundries	34 35
Oct. 3,	No. 106,	J. Mearis, services to Grand Lodge	5 00
Oct. 3,	No. 107,	J. J. Johnson, services to Grand Lodge	12 00
Oct. 10,	No. 108,	E. Sandys, visiting cards	56 25
Oct. 10,	No. 109,	Draft on Grand Treasurer of Grand Encampment of New Jersey, returned protested	50 00
Nov. 6,	No. 110,	Note of A. J. Langworthy protested	384 43
Nov. 10,	No. 111,	Insurance on Grand Lodge furniture	13 50
Nov. 14,	No. 112,	Discount on uncurrent funds	2 85

Nov. 11,	No. 113, Discount on note of Grand Lodge of Oct. 26th, 1857,	8 67
Nov. 11,	No. 114, Collecting draft on Charleston, S. C	1 10
Dec. 1,	No. 115, G. Mess. Chamberlain, three months' salary.....	175 00
Dec. 7,	No. 116, G. Secretary Ridgely, three months' salary.....	300 00
Dec. 12,	No. 117, G. Mess. Chamberlain, boxes, postages, &c.....	73 14
Dec. 30,	No. 118, James Young, on account printing Journal.....	300 00
1858.		
Jan. 1,	No. 119, Costs of protested draft on Grand Encampment of New Jersey.....	3 00
Jan. 1,	No. 120, A. McLaurin, for writing copy of resolutions.....	5 00
1857.		
Nov. 19,	No. 121, Collecting draft on Grand Encampment of Indiana.	3 83
Dec. 9,	No. 122, Discount on note of Grand Lodge of Oct. 26, 1857,	11 76
1858.		
Jan. 11,	No. 123, James Young, on account of printing Journal.....	1000 00
Jan. 29,	No. 124, Matured note of Grand Lodge of October 26, 1857.	650 00
Jan. 30,	No. 125, J. W. Stewart, for repairing stove.....	6 75
Feb. 4,	No. 126, Discount on uncurrent funds and collecting draft..	2 46
Feb. 23,	No. 127, Discount on uncurrent funds.....	45
Feb. 26,	No. 128, James Young, on account printing Journal, &c...	100 00
Feb. 27,	No. 129, Matured note of Grand Lodge of October 26, 1857.	850 00
Feb. 27,	No. 130, G. Secretary Ridgely, three months' salary.....	300 00
Feb. 27,	No. 131, G. Mess. Chamberlain, three months' salary.....	175 00
Feb. 27,	No. 131, G. Mess. Chamberlain, postages, &c.....	20 39
Feb. 27,	No. 132, Discount on James L. Ridgely's note of $500, endorsed by J. Vansant, for the use of the Grand Lodge..	10 34
Mar. 13,	No. 133, James Young, on account printing Journal, &c...	150 00
Mar. 22,	No. 134, Discount on uncurrent funds.....	24
April 17,	No. 135, Matured note of Grand Lodge of October 15, 1857,	500 00
April 27,	No. 136, James Young, on account printing Journal, &c...	225 00
May 14,	No. 137, A. Stowell, for an award of merit to G. Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia, under the resolution of September 25, 1857, page 2817 Journal.....	50 00
May 19,	No. 138, Matured note of Grand Lodge of Nov. 16, 1857...	500 00
June 1,	No. 139, G. Secretary Ridgely, three months' salary.....	300 00
June 1,	No. 140, G. Mess. Chamberlain, three months' salary.....	175 00
June 1,	No. 140, G. Mess. Chamberlain, postages, &c.....	24 25
June 16,	No. 141, James Young, printing Journal, &c.....	300 00
June 16,	No. 142, Discount on note Grand Lodge of June 4, 1858...	10 25
June 23,	No. 143, James Young, printing Journal, &c.....	315 30
July 1,	No. 144, Discount on uncurrent funds.....	65
July 17,	No. 145, Collecting draft on Alexandria, Va.....	50
Aug. 2,	No. 146, Grand Lodge of Maryland—rent, fuel and gas....	275 00
Aug. 27,	No. 147, J. W. Bond & Co., for stationery.....	112 63
Sept. 1,	No. 148, G. Secretary Ridgely, three months' salary.....	300 00
Sept. 1,	No. 149, G. Mess. Chamberlain, three months' salary.....	175 00
Sept. 1,	No. 149, G. Mess. Chamberlain, postages, &c.....	45 43
Sept. 4,	No. 150, Matured note of Grand Lodge of June 4, 1858....	750 00
Sept. 4,	No. 151, James Young, printing cards, &c.....	29 25
Sept. 17,	No. 152, James M. Anderson & Son, traveling cards, &c...	234 50
Sept. 18,	No. 153, Baltimore Clipper, for advertising for proposals for printing the Journal.....	15 62
Sep 20.	No. 154, Joshua Vansant, Grand Treasurer, twelve months salary.....	200 00
		$20,284 59
	Balance in the treasury....	10,433 06
		$30,717 65

From an examination of the items in the revenue account, it will be perceived that the receipts *proper*, for the year, amount to the sum of $16,943 72, which shows a decrease in the annual revenue (notwithstanding the advance of fifty per cent. in the representative tax) as compared with the year ending September 22d, 1857, of $660.88.

The expenses for the year, however, have been less than in the year preceding, the cash balance being now $10,433.06, whilst that of the year ending September, 1857, was $10,413.24.

Estimating that the sum of $11,500 will be required to pay the mileage and per diem of the Grand Representatives in attendance at the present session, there will be needed for that purpose $1,086.76 more than the amount now in the Treasury. The printing of the daily and the revised Journal of the present session will require $2,000 more.—All of these expenses will mature, and should be paid, before the 1st of December of the current year, and inasmuch as a very small part of the revenue of the year will be received in advance of that period, it will become necessary to negotiate a loan of about $2,500, by issuing the promissory notes of the Grand Lodge for that amount, to be discounted from time to time as the wants of the Grand Lodge may suggest. Last year it was obliged to use its credit in that form, at different periods, to the amount of $3,250.

It is not the purpose of the undersigned to express his opinion in reference to the effect upon the position and influence of the Grand Lodge of the United States, by the necessity which has existed, and now exists, for the issuing of its bills of credit, much less to suggest measures that may avert this necessity or improve the financial condition of the Grand Lodge. These are matters that particularly challenge the consideration of your R. W. Grand Body, and hence he feels that he has discharged his duty in the premises in presenting, in a plain manner, the facts contained in the body of his financial statement.

Most respectfully submitted.

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer.*

The Chair announced the following special committees, raised by resolutions, adopted yesterday:

Committee on Polynesian Race.—Reps. Dwinelle, of Northern New York; Edwards, of Indiana; McKinstry, of Alabama; Fuller, of Lower Provinces; Tucker, of New Jersey.

Committee on Forms, Diplomas and Cards.—Reps. Wolford, of Kentucky; Askew, of Delaware; White, of California; Mitchell, of Arkansas; Clark, of Vermont.

Committee on Death of P. G. Sire Hopkins.—Reps. Lints, of Pennsylvania; Taylor, of Pennsylvania; Zimmerman, of Pennsylvania; P. G. Sire Kennedy, of Southern New York; Marley, of Maryland.

Committee on Death of P. G. Master Hersey.—Reps. Rand, of Massachusetts; Buckingham, of Massachusetts; Tucker, of Massachusetts; Rich, of District of Columbia; Stewart, of Indiana.

Committee on Death of P. G. Rep. Bell.—Reps. Tucker, of Massa-

chusetts; Buckingham, of Massachusetts; Rand, of Massachusetts; Glenn, of Ohio; Hills, of Wisconsin.

Committee on Death of Rep. Wallace.—Reps. Jackson, of Connecticut; Phelps, of Connecticut; Storer, of Connecticut; Shinkle, of Kentucky; Rodney, of Delaware.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom the resolution of Rep. Lints, of Pennsylvania, in reference to the form of certificate of membership presented by J. S. Duvall, has been referred, respectfully report that so much of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary's report as relates to a kindred subject has been referred to a select committee. The whole subject of cards, &c. ought to be in the hands of one committee; we therefore recommend that the above mentioned resolution be referred to the select committee on the subject of a new form of diploma and cards.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
W. K. EDWARDS,
WM. S. HOKE,
CHAS. E. BUCKINGHAM,
JOHN W. DWINELLE.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom the resolution of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, in reference to extending the facilities for taking the depositions of non-resident witnesses to the party preferring the charge, was referred, beg leave to report that the regulation for taking depositions should be so general in its application as to be available to all parties whose connection with a judicial proceeding may require testimony of that character. Such was doubtless the design of the Grand Lodge in passing the law, and, in order to remove all doubt on the subject, the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That whenever a lodge, encampment, or member of the Order, authorized by existing laws to introduce testimony in any proceeding, may desire the testimony of a non-resident witness, such lodge, encampment, or member may take the deposition of such witness in the mode prescribed by the resolution of the R. W. Grand Lodge passed at the session of 1857, and to be found on page 2738 of the Journal.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
JOHN W. DWINELLE,
WM. K. EDWARDS,
W. J. HOKE,
CHAS. E. BUCKINGHAM.

Rep. Buckingham, of Massachusetts, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the petition of Diondahoo Encampment, No. 12, of Northern New York, for permission to initiate Scarlet members residing in Vermont, respectfully report the following resolution:

That in any State, District, or Territory, where a Subordinate Encampment but no Grand Encampment exists, the District Deputy Grand Sire shall have the same power to grant dispensations to brothers wishing to obtain the Patriarchal degrees out of the jurisdiction as a Grand Patriarch has under similar circumstances.

CHAS. E. BUCKINGHAM,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,
W. K. EDWARDS,
JOHN W. DWINELLE,
W. J. HOKE.

Rep. Buckingham, of Massachusetts, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, (page 2890,) concerning the interchange of civilities between Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, respectfully report that although it would be highly desirable to render the intercourse between subordinate bodies more frequent than it now is, the method proposed by the resolution would require an alteration of the secret work of the Order. Your committee, therefore, respectfully ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHAS. E. BUCKINGHAM,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
W. K. EDWARDS,
JOHN W. DWINELLE,
WILLIAM J. HOKE.

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution of Rep. I. Robinson, of Virginia, to be found on page 2890 of the printed proceedings, viz:

"*Resolved*, That, in cases where Subordinate Encampments become defunct, upon payment of such dues as may appear against them, the Grand Patriarch together with the Grand Scribe shall have authority to grant withdrawal cards to the members of such Encampments."

And also the subject-matter of the above resolution as set forth in the thirteenth point decided by the M. W. Grand Sire, and reported by him to this body at its present communication, would respectfully

report that they have examined the matters referred to, and are of the opinion that the proposed legislation should be adopted. Inasmuch, however, as some Grand Bodies have under their local laws standing or executive committees who act in the recess upon such and similar matters, and as the difficulty indicated embraces Lodges as well as Encampments, we have deemed it proper to alter the structure of the preceding resolution so as to provide a general ordinance embracing all cases, and easy of execution under all possible forms of local law bearing upon the subject. We accordingly recommend the passage of the subjoined resolution:

Resolved, That where a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment becomes extinct, any member of such subordinate shall, upon payment of such dues as may appear against him, be entitled to receive from the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, or the Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe or District Deputy Grand Sire, as the case may be, or from such other authority as may be prescribed by the law of the respective jurisdiction, a card of withdrawal, which shall have the same effect and entitle him to the same privileges as a card of withdrawal issued to him by an existing Subordinate in good standing.

JOHN W. DWINELLE,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
CHAS. E. BUCKINGHAM,
W. K. EDWARDS,
WILLIAM J. HOKE.

Rep. Dwinelle, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, namely:

"*Resolved by this Grand Lodge now assembled in annual communication*, That our Representatives to the next Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge of the United States be and they are hereby instructed to unite and urge upon the Grand Lodge of the United States to consider the propriety of so changing our law as to make the period of official service in Subordinate Lodges twelve instead of six months, and to permit the subordinates, at their option, to hold weekly, monthly, and semi-monthly meetings"—

would respectfully report that they have examined the subject-matter referred to them, and that they cannot recommend the proposed extension of the terms of Subordinates to twelve months. For years the subject of the alteration of the terms of Subordinates has been one of the most persistent and distressing agitation in this body, returning like an annual epidemic, and stalking through our halls like an unquiet ghost in a haunted mansion. The Grand Lodge tolerated the afflictive visits of this unwelcome guest with the most fearful patience until the session of 1851, when a Representative from North Carolina, distinguished alike by generous qualities of head and heart, a noble devotion to the Order, and a courage worthy of the cause, undertook to "lay the spirit" of this ghostly visitor, and consign it to a lasting tomb. It appears, by page 1758 of our Journal, that this pious task was solemnly accomplished; the sepulchre was constructed, and the

unwelcome wanderer duly wrapped in the cerements of the grave, its troubled spirit no more to stalk before us like Banquo's ghost, to "fright the souls of fearful" Representatives. The "restless wanderer" was finally at rest; its catholic burial performed, and the requiem "Requiescat in pace" mournfully dirged forth to the solemn air! After some years of quiet, during which the Grand Lodge had become perfectly reconciled to the absence of its departed intimate, the air suddenly grows cold about us with a deathly chill, and we are aware that our ghostly visitor has returned to its former haunts. We look around for an explanation of the unwelcome phenomenon, and are appalled to find that North Carolina, who consigned the intruder to the tomb, and volunteered to stand herself as a sentinel at its portals · that North Carolina has herself broken the seal of the sepulchre, and permitted the restless spirit to escape and resume its wanderings and its persistent annoyances. We recommend its exorcism by the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That further legislation upon the length of terms and periods of official service of Subordinate Lodges is inexpedient.

JOHN W. DWINELLE,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
CHARLES E. BUCKINGHAM,
W. K. EDWARDS.

Rep. Hoke, from the minority of the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned minority of the Legislative Committee is constrained to differ from the majority on the resolution from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Whilst he approves of the sentiment expressed in the able report of the Legislative Committee of 1851, alluded to in the majority report, he feels that the subject that called forth that report is entirely antagonistic to the one presented from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. He therefore offers the following resolution:

Resolved, That the law requiring six months as the time of official service in the Subordinate Lodges be so changed as to read twelve instead of six months.

W. J. HOKE.

Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution submitted by Rep. Green, of Wisconsin, relative to the expediency of providing new legislation to permit Encampment members to retain their membership in that branch of the Order after having honorably withdrawn from the Subordinate Lodge, have considered the same, and

are of opinion that such legislation is inexpedient, for that it would have the effect to separate the happy union of the two branches of the Order to the detriment of both, particularly to the Subordinate Lodge branch, by authorizing the withdrawal of members therefrom.

W. K. EDWARDS,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
CHARLES E. BUCKINGHAM,
W. J. HOKE.

Rep. Dwinelle, from the same committee, submitted the following minority report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned feels constrained by the known sense of the Grand Encampment and of a large number of Patriarchal members within the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge which he represents, and by a knowledge of a very prevalent feeling in other jurisdictions, to dissent from the preceding report of the majority of the Legislative Committee on the subject of membership in Encampments. It is strongly urged by brethren of great opportunities of observation and experience that there are many members who are attached to the Patriarchal Order, and care but little for the Subordinate Lodge, and yet who could not reach the Encampment except by passing through the Subordinate Lodge, and thus contributing to it for a time; that the fact that nine-tenths of the suspensions in the Encampments result from the operation of suspensions for non-payment of Lodge dues demonstrates the superior popularity of the Patriarchal Order; and that, finally, no reason of policy or principle can be adduced to show that the desired change would be hurtful to the Order. To give these views expression and enable those who feel interested to discuss them the subjoined resolution is submitted:

Resolved, That Encampment members may retain their membership in that branch of the Order after honorably withdrawing from membership in the Subordinate Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN W. DWINELLE.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition for a Grand Lodge in Kansas, accompanied by the papers, report that they find that the Grand Sire has acted upon a petition for a Grand Lodge, to be located in Tecumseh, Kansas, and a dispensation issued for the same, in pursuance of which the Grand Lodge of Kansas has been duly organized. Your committee deem the action of the Executive calculated to promote the interests of the Order, and therefore

recommend it be confirmed, and that a charter be issued in proper form to the Grand Lodge of Kansas, to be located at Tecumseh.

E. D. FARNSWORTH,
WILLIAM I. CORNWELL,
R. A. CALDWELL,
JOSEPH KIDDER,
ALEX. McKINSTRY.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition and accompanying papers of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, Omaha Lodge, No. 2, and Frontier Lodge, No. 3, asking a charter for a Grand Lodge to be located in Nebraska City, Nebraska Territory, approve the action of the R. W. Grand Sire in granting a warrant for the same, and recommend that his action be confirmed and a charter be duly issued.

E. D. FARNSWORTH,
R. A. CALDWELL,
WILLIAM I. CORNWELL,
JOSEPH KIDDER,
ALEXANDER McKINSTRY.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of Bros. J. J. Finley, W. D. Barnes, and others, praying for a charter for an Encampment to be located at Marianna, in Florida, and to be known and hailed as Chipolu Encampment, No. 3, have examined the papers presented and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a charter be granted to J. J. Finley, W. D. Barnes, and others, in compliance with the request of the petitioners.

E. D. FARNSWORTH,
R. A. CALDWELL,
WILLIAM I. CORNWELL,
JOSEPH KIDDER,
ALEXANDER McKINSTRY.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of Green Mountain Encampment, located at Middleburg, in the State of Vermont, asking the privilege of removing their Encampment to Burlington, Vermont, believing it would be for the interest of the En-

campment and the Order, recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution:

Resolved, That Green Mountain Encampment, now located at Middleburg, in the State of Vermont, have power to remove the same to Burlington, in the same State.

E. D. FARNSWORTH,
RICHARD A. CALDWELL,
WILLIAM I. CORNWELL,
JOSEPH KIDDER,
ALEXANDER McKINSTRY.

Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, offered the following preamble and resolution, which was, on his motion, referred to the select committee on the Polynesian question:

WHEREAS at the annual communication of 1854 (page 2327, volume four) it was provided that the Chinese residents of California who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, may be admitted to the Order and permitted to work in Lodges of their own in the Chinese language; and as none of the Chinese residents of California have availed themselves of this benefit—as the same benefit has been denied to the Indians, possessing like qualifications—as the Chinese should not occupy a more favorable position than the Indians—and as the action of this body conferring said right and benefit upon the Chinese, conflicts with the second section of article ten of the constitution, which is as follows: "No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except *free white males* of good moral character." Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the action of this body, entitling the Chinese residents of California to admission to the Order, as stated in the preamble, be and the same is hereby declared to be null and void.

Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Returns, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the returns of the several Grand and Subordinate Bodies under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, beg leave to report, in part, that they have examined the annual reports of the subjoined Grand Encampments, with the following results:

Correct.—Louisiana, Kentucky, Iowa, Alabama, Maryland, Massachusetts, Ohio, Tennessee, Illinois, Southern New York, Indiana and Northern New York.

The following are correct, with the exception that the residences of Grand Patriarchs and Grand Scribes are not stated, viz. Texas, Virginia, Maine, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Mississippi, South Carolina, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Delaware, Missouri, New Hampshire, Georgia.

Incorrect.—New Jersey, deficient in not giving the number of members or receipts; California, in having the seal pasted on report; District of Columbia, amount of relief to widows not stated.

No report has been received from the Grand Encampment of North Carolina.

H. G. STETSON,
J. H. ROBINSON,
F. A. ELLIS,
WILLIAM GARRETT,
M. E. WILCOX.

Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the reports of Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, report that they have had before them the reports of the following Grand Lodges, which they find correct in every particular, viz: Maine, Kansas, Kentucky, Texas, Iowa, Connecticut, Alabama, Virginia, Maryland, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Southern New York, Missouri, Ohio, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Indiana, South Carolina, California, and Northern New York.

The following Grand Lodges are incorrect, in that they do not give the post-office address of the Grand Officers, viz: Canada West, Wisconsin, New Jersey, North Carolina, Georgia, Rhode Island, Florida, Mississippi, Lower Provinces, New Hampshire, District of Columbia, South Carolina, and Michigan.

The Grand Lodge of Vermont incorrect—seal *pasted* on instead of being printed or impressed upon the paper. The Grand Lodge of Delaware incorrect—annual receipts not given. The Grand Lodge of Tennessee incorrect—the number of widowed families and the number of brothers relieved not given.

H. G. STETSON,
J. H. ROBINSON,
F. A. ELLIS,
WILLIAM GARRETT,
M. E. WILCOX.

Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the reports of Grand and Subordinate Bodies under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge, report in part on Subordinate Encampments, and which they find correct as follows:

Sandwich Islands.—Polynesia Encampment, No. 1, four reports, for terms ending December, 1856, to June, 1858.

Oregon.—Ellison Encampment, No. 1, two reports, for terms ending December, 1857, and June, 1858.

Arkansas.—Fort Smith, No. 3, two reports, for terms ending De-

cember, 1857, and June, 1858; Walker Encampment, No. 4, for terms ending June, 1858.

Vermont.—Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, two reports, ending December, 1857, and June, 1858.

Minnesota.—Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, two reports, ending December, 1857, and June, 1858.

Nova Scotia.—Mamberton Encampment, No. 9, Halifax, report not signed by C. P. and H. P., otherwise correct.

Vermont.—Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3, two reports, ending December, 1857, and June, 1858, both reports incorrect—seal pasted on and not impressed, and signature of H. P. wanting.

Arkansas.—Eagle Encampment, No. 1, no seal, and amount for initiation omitted.

H. G. STETSON,
J. H. ROBINSON,
F. A. ELLIS,
WILLIAM GARRETT,
M. E. WILCOX.

Rep. Shinkle, of Kentucky, submitted the following amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for approval, which on his motion, were referred to the Committee on Constitutions:

Amend article four, section three, as follows: "at any regular meetings of Subordinates previous to the meetings of the Grand Lodge."

Amend article nine, section one, by adding, "except the Committee on Finance, who shall continue in office until their successors are appointed."

Amend article nine, section one, so as to allow any five or more Brothers, having the fifth degree, in good standing, and living in that part of the city of Louisville known as Portland, to apply for and receive a charter to establish a Subordinate Lodge in said Portland.

Amend article eleven, section one, by inserting after the word members, the words, "unless with the unanimous consent of all the lodges in such city or town, nor without the assent of at least two-thirds of the Representatives present at a session of the R. W. Grand Lodge."

Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, submitted the following amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey for approval, which were referred to the Committee on Constitutions:

Amend article four of constitution by adding clause three, "All sessions of the Grand Encampment shall be held in the city of Newark."

Amend clause first of article four of constitution by striking out "Thursday in August," and insert "Wednesday in October."

Rep. Adams, of Georgia, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be required to inquire into and report on the propriety of abolishing the custom of wearing aprons by members of this Order.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge do now proceed to the consideration of the amendment (to be found on page 2766 of the Journal of Proceedings of the last

session,) to the Constitution, giving to the elective officers of the Grand Lodge the power of debating and making motions.

Rep. Cassedy moved to adopt the said amendment to the Constitution, as follows:

"The elective officers shall have the power of debating and making motions, but shall not have the privilege of voting unless they be Grand Representatives. The appointed officers, unless they be Representatives, shall not be allowed to take part in the proceedings and debates of the Grand Lodge except by a vote of the majority thereof."

This amendment was adopted, the yeas and nays being as follows:

YEAS—Adams, (2 votes,) Armstrong, Armington, Askew, Blake, Boylston, Buckingham, Burnham, Caldwell, Cassedy, Clark of Florida, Clark of Vermont, Clayton, Clemmer, Cook, Conley, Dwinelle, (2 votes,) Edwards, Ellis, Escavaille, Fitzhugh, Foster, (2 votes,) Fuller, Garrett, Gilmore, Glenn, Green, Harvey, Hemingray, Herndon, Hills, Hodgson, Hoke, Hunt, Jackson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kidder, Langdon, Lints, Lockett, (2 votes,) McAuley, McKinstry, Marsh, Mason, May, Mitchell of South Carolina, Nutter, Pope, Rand, Rich, Richardson, Israel Robinson, (2 votes,) J. H. Robinson, Rodney, Shields, Shinkle, Stetson, Stewart, Straw, Stuart, Tapley, Taylor, Thayer, Tucker of Massachusetts, Tucker of New Jersey, Wilson, Whitaker, White, (2 votes,) Wolford, Yale, Young, Zimmerman—79.

NAYS—Archer, (2 votes,) Barber, Barry, Cornwell, Crutcher, Danenhower, Farnsworth, (2 votes,) Howe, Kellogg, Marley, Peers, Phelps, Storer, Veitch, Wilkinson, Wilcox, (2 votes.)—17.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals beg leave to submit the following report on the appeal of Mount Airy Lodge, No. 235, against the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the case of said Lodge *vs.* a member thereof, Bro. Geo. Rahn, wherein he, the said Geo. Rahn, was expelled. A synopsis of the case is as follows:

Bro. Rahn, some time prior to his admission to Mount Airy Lodge, was afflicted by a disorder denominated by the appellants a "cramping disease," but for two years prior to his initiation had no attack of the same, nor again for three years after his admission. This, as appears from the documents before your committee, was in 1852, and during the sickness he received the benefits of the Lodge. In 1856 he was again, as reported, taken dangerously ill, for which sickness the benefits were paid, after appeal, the Grand Master and the Appeal Committee deciding him entitled thereto. Subsequently charges were made against Bro. Rahn, setting forth that he had violated "his obligation by taking from the Lodge benefits in case of sickness from a disease to which he was subject at the time and prior to his initiation, thereby wronging the Lodge," and again of making false returns to the Grand Lodge in a petition to that body. The committee appointed to investigate the charges reported them sustained, and recommended the expulsion of the brother, which was concurred in by the Lodge.

An appeal from this action was taken to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and reference made to a committee, who, failing to report in

due time, were discharged, and another committee appointed, which committee proceeded to an investigation of the subject "without giving Mount Airy Lodge an apportunity of being represented before them," and reported against the action of the Lodge in the premises. In their opinion, all the facts necessary to a correct conclusion being in possession of the Lodge, as to the right of the brother to benefits, he was not censurable for receiving them; and again, from all the evidence before them, they found no such mis-statements as to justify the second charge of falsehood. The committee reported a resolution, directing Mount Airy Lodge to restore Bro. Rahn to membership, which resolution was adopted by the Grand Lodge. It is against this action the appeal is made, on the ground that the Lodge was not notified of the investigation by the committee, and therefore was not represented in the case.

From the evidence before your committee they are clearly of opinion that the decision of the Grand Lodge in the case was correct from the evidence submitted, and it was altogether just and proper; but they regard the point taken by the Lodge against the Grand Lodge equally proper, as the right of representation in the case should have first been given, and, failing in this respect, the Grand Lodge ought to have granted the Subordinate Lodge a rehearing before their decision was made. Your committee therefore offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be directed to grant Mount Airy Lodge, No. 235, a rehearing in the case of appeal of Bro. George Rahn *vs.* said Lodge.

WILLIAM THAYER,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
GEORGE W. ADAMS,
WILLIAM P. TAYLOR,
HENRY E. LOCKETT.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, from the same committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals have had under consideration the appeal of DeKalb Lodge, No. 9, of Georgia, against the action of the Grand Lodge of said State, rescinding a by-law adopted by the said Subordinate Lodge. It appears that DeKalb Lodge adopted a by-law requiring attendance at Lodge meetings by her members at least once in each quarter, in order to entitle them to the benefits of the Order. Reference was made to the Legislative Committee of the Grand Lodge, who reported the said by-law as contrary to section two, article four of the constitution of said Grand Lodge for her Subordinates, which law defines explicitly the terms of good standing of members in their respective Lodges.

As a matter of policy, the reasons urged by the Subordinate Lodge for the enactment of the by-law are certainly of weight, but the question of policy arises in conflict with an express and explicit enactment

of the Grand Lodge of their State, and, however much approval may be accorded the measure on its merits, it cannot be sustained when contravening an organic or sanctioned law. Your committee are therefore of opinion that the action of the Subordinate Lodge was illegal, and recommend that the decision of the Grand Lodge of the State of Georgia be sustained.

WILLIAM THAYER,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
GEORGE W. ADAMS,
WM. P. TAYLOR,
HENRY E. LOCKETT.

On motion of Rep. Cornwell, of Northern New York, the Lodge agreed to consider amendment to Constitution, (page 2766,) as follows:

Amend article ten of the constitution of this Grand Lodge by adding at the end of said article as follows: "Past Deputy Grand Sires shall also be admitted to seats in this Grand Lodge."

Rep. Cornwell moved to adopt this amendment.

Rep. Stuart, of District Columbia, moved to postpone it indefinitely, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion to adopt, the yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Buckingham, Burnham, Caldwell, Clark, of Vermont, Cook, Conley, Cornwell, Danenhower, Dwinelle, Edwards, Foster, Fuller, Gilmore, Green, Hills, Hoke, Kellogg, Mason, Israel Robinson, (2 votes,) J. H. Robinson, (2 votes,) Stewart, Taylor, Tucker, Zimmerman—26.

NAYS—Adams, (2 votes,) Archer, Armstrong, Armington, Askew, Barber, Barry, Boylston, Brewster, Cassedy, Clark of Florida, Clayton, Clemmer, Crutcher, Ellis, Escavaille, Farnsworth, Garrett, Glenn, Harvey, Hemingray, Herndon, Hodgson, Howe, Hunt, Jackson, Johnson, Kennedy, Kidder, Langdon, Lints, (2 votes,) Lockett, (2 votes,) McAuley, McKinstry, Marley, May, Mitchell of South Carolina, Nutter, Peers, Phelps, Pope, Rand, Rich, Richardson, Rodney, Shields, Shinkle, Stetson, (2 votes,) Storer, Stuart, Tapley, Thayer, Tucker, Veitch, Wilson, Whitaker, Wilkinson, Wilcox, Wolford, Yale, Young, —60.

So the amendment was rejected.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was, on his motion, considered, by a suspension of the rule requiring reports to lay over for one day, and was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance have given the subject of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge careful consideration and deliberation. By reference to the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, it will be seen that there is a falling off in the revenue from all the legitimate sources, and the balance on hand is not sufficient to meet the expenses of this session, much less the contingent expenses which will accrue soon after the adjournment.

The adoption of some efficient mode by which the finances of the

Grand Lodge would be placed on a more permanent basis, without resorting to expediencies at every recurring annual session, seems to be imperatively demanded, and the committee earnestly recommend that the Grand Lodge take up and dispose of the pending amendments to the Constitution affecting the finances of the Grand Lodge, in order that the committee may be able to submit an estimate of the revenue of the current year.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
B. CONLEY,
VOLNEY GREEN,
JOHN G. CLAYTON,
FRED. D. STUART.

Whereupon, on motion of Rep. Green, of Wisconsin, the Lodge agreed to consider the proposition to amend the Constitution, to be found on page 2525 Journal of last session, as follows:

"Section 2. Every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing shall be entitled to one vote in the Grand Lodge; every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing shall be entitled to two votes; and no State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than one Grand Representative at the same time. Provided, however, that any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be entitled to as many Grand Representatives as it may have votes, on assuming the payment of the mileage and per diem of the additional Grand Representative."

Rep. Clayton moved to adopt the proposed amendment.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, moved that the proposed amendment to the Constitution and all other pending amendments to the Constitution, be referred to a committee of the whole, and that the Lodge now resolve itself into a committee of the whole to consider the same, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Whereupon the Lodge resolved itself into a committee of the whole, Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, in the chair; and after some time passed in committee of the whole, the committee rose.

The M. W. Grand Sire having resumed the chair—

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, from the Committee of the Whole, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of the Whole, to which was referred the pending amendments to the Constitution, relating to the representation and finances of this Grand Lodge, have had the same under consideration, report progress, and ask leave to sit again.

R. B. BOYLSTON, *Chairman.*

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, the leave asked was granted.

By general consent, Rep. Davis, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which, on motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, was referred to the Committee of the Whole:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed to report the unfinished business of the last session hereby submit a partial report, as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Amendment to article 3, section 5, by Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey. Page 2766 of the Journal.

Amendments to article 3, section 1, by Rep. Edwards, of Indiana.—See page 2766 of the Journal.

Amendments to article 12, by Rep. Glenn, of Ohio.—See page 2802 of the Journal.

Amendment to article 9, by Rep. Glenn, of Ohio.—See page 2812 of the Journal.

Amendments to articles 12 and 9, by Rep. Askew, of Delaware.—See page 2806 of the Journal.

Amendment to article 10, by Rep. Washburn, of Pennsylvania.—See page 2773 of the Journal.

Amendments to article 12, by Rep. Washburn, of Pennsylvania.—See page 2812 of the Journal.

Amendment to article 9, section 3, by Rep. Caldwell, of North Carolina.—See page 2802 of the Journal.

Amendment to article 9, section 2, by Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York.—See page 2825 of the Journal.

Amendment to article 9, section 2, by Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York.—See page 2825 of the Journal.

Amendment to article 10, by Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia.—See page 2747 of the Journal.

S. S. DAVIS,
S. B. STRAW,
PHILO WHITE.

The Lodge again resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the pending amendments to the Constitution and the report of the Committee on Unfinished Business relating thereto—Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, in the chair.

After some hours' deliberation, the committee rose, and the M. W Grand Sire having resumed the chair—

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, from the Committee of the Whole, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of the Whole, to which were referred sundry proposed amendments to the Constitution in reference to representation and the finances of this Grand Lodge, have, according to order, had under consideration the matters referred, made progress therein, and ask leave to sit again at 12½ o'clock this day.

R. B. BOYLSTON, *Chairman.*

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, the leave asked was granted.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the inquiry from the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ohio (page 2889 Journal) as to the necessity of submitting for the approval of this body amendments to the Constitutions of State Grand Bodies of a purely local character, ask leave to report that amendments to the Constitutions of all Grand Bodies and of such Subordinate Bodies as work under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States must be submitted to the latter body for examination and approval, and such amendments are not binding until approved by this Grand Lodge. (Journal, pages 15, 93, 1058, 1151, 1289; By-Laws, article nine.)

It would be very dangerous to leave to the discretion of Subordinates, however honestly exercised, the determination of what is purely local or formal in such amendments. The same question might be very differently decided by this Grand Lodge and the Subordinate Grand Lodge.

If the conclusion attained by your committee is correct, the proposed amendments should be referred for examination to the Committee on Constitutions, and the committee so recommend.

R. B. BOYLSTON,
T. N. BLAKE,
GEO. W. CASSEDY,
H. F. ASKEW,
S. CRAIGHEAD.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the resolution offered by Rep. Stuart, (page 2885 Journal,) ask leave to report that they regard the resolution as giving, substantially, a correct construction of the law. Subordinate Lodges have clearly the right to examine a visitor whenever he presents himself, and, when examined, he must be introduced by the committee. But it was never supposed that after a first regular examination it was *imperative* to pursue the same formalities, in the same Lodge, on each subsequent visit. After the visitor has been once recognised, the examination and introduction, in form, *may* be subsequently dispensed with, if the Lodge is so minded.

R. B. BOYLSTON,
T. N. BLAKE,
GEO. W. CASSEDY,
H. F. ASKEW,
S. CRAIGHEAD.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the inquiry from the Grand Lodge of California (page 2891 Journal) as to the power of a State Grand Lodge to enact a law authorizing a Subordinate Lodge under its jurisdiction to change the name of a brother admitted to the Lodge under a fictitious or assumed name, &c., ask leave to report that they have considered the same and are of the opinion that it is not within the competency of any jurisdiction of this Order to change the name of any person. Such power belongs solely to the civil authority.

But the committee suppose, from the written document accompanying the inquiry, that the information sought grows out of the following case: A seafaring man obtained membership under an assumed name, and is known by such name throughout the records and in that community, a practice which the documents state to be usual with persons of that occupation. The initiate, intending to visit localities where he would not be recognised by the assumed name, applies for credentials in his real name, by which alone he would be known, and the Subordinate Lodge recommends the application to the Grand Lodge of the State, which favorably considers the case, and directs the Subordinate Lodge to treat the petitioner's request accordingly.

The committee infer from the evidence before them that the question has already been disposed of by the Grand Lodge of California, and the inquiry now presented is intended as a precedent for future cases. If the card has been issued, the committee think the action of the Grand Lodge of California erroneous, and the card should be recalled on the first convenient occasion. When an individual practises such a deceit voluntarily, even though there be no criminal motive, he should abide the consequence of his own wrong, and if he finds himself without remedy the result is to be traced to his own misconduct and not to this Order; and such is the response of this committee.

R. B. BOYLSTON,
T. N. BLAKE,
GEO. W. CASSEDY,
H. F. ASKEW,
S. CRAIGHEAD.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the inquiry from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, (page 2885 Journal,) ask leave to report—

That they have examined the documents accompanying the inquiry, and find that the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina

gives to that body the power "to originate and regulate means for its support;" subsequent clauses specify the mode of raising money, which do not exclude, however, other modes. That Grand Lodge, from causes not necessary to explain here, has found itself deficient in funds, and passed a resolution requiring the payment of one dollar from each of its members for the purpose of defraying the current expenses of the Grand Lodge. The committee understand the inquiry to refer to the authority of the Grand Lodge to raise revenue in that form.

The Grand Lodge of the United States having found its revenue deficient on one occasion, assessed its Subordinates, and the assessment was enforced, some influential Grand Bodies paying under protest, and frequently afterwards claiming to have the assessment refunded, which was and has ever been refused by this body. (Journal, pages 1629, 1946, 2158, 2497.)

In the precedents referred to, the authority to impose the assessment was fully recognised and vindicated, and the power of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina is in much more definite terms than the language of the then existing constitution of this body.

The committee do not intend to recognise the principle that the members of the State Grand Lodge are to be taxed out of their *private* means, but the ratio of membership in the Grand Lodge *may* form the basis of the assessment on the Subordinate Lodges out of *their* Lodge funds.

R. B. BOYLSTON,
T. N. BLAKE,
GEORGE W. CASSEDY,
H. F. ASKEW,
S. CRAIGHEAD.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire during the recess, (pages 2858, '59, '60,) have considered the same attentively, and recommend the confirmation of the first, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelth decisions, as in conformity with the law and usages of this Order. They also approve the second decision, under the peculiar state of facts embodied therein. A different decision might lead to corruption and evasion of services which alone entitle one to the honors of the Order. Your committee do not concur with the M. W. Grand Sire in the seventh decision, as to the position of a member while charges against him are pending. They concur in the views of a former committee, who, in reporting upon a constitution providing that "a member under charges, and during the investigation thereof by the Lodge, is under a state of suspension and cannot participate in the work of the Lodge," say that such a proposition is "subversive of that

well known principle that a man is presumed to be innocent until proved guilty—the only effect of undecided charges is to deprive the member of the right to take a traveling or visiting card, and where the charges bear upon the right to benefits, to suspend the payment thereof until a final decision." (See Journal 2132, 2174.) These sentiments appear to your committee more in accordance with the law of Odd-Fellowship and general principles of reason and justice. Your committee recommend that the same be re-affirmed and that the seventh decision of the M. W. Grand Sire be not concurred in. As the thirteenth decision recommends new legislation, the committee submit a separate report thereon, recommending a reference thereof to the appropriate committee.

R. B. BOYLSTON
T. N. BLAKE,
GEO. W. CASSEDY,
H. F. ASKEW,
S. CRAIGHEAD.

On motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, leave of absence was granted to Rep. Israel Robinson, of Virginia, after to-day, on account of sickness in his family.

The following amendment to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States was submitted:

By Rep. Dwinelle, of N. New York, seconded by Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, and Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland:

Amend article ten by adding thereto—"Past Deputy Grand Sires shall also be entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge, without the privilege of debating, making motions, or voting."

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Grand Secretary Samuel Willard and others from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, respectfully report: That the Grand Lodge of Illinois had under consideration a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge when a call was made that the vote thereon be taken by Lodges. The Grand Master ruled the call out of order, on the ground that the Constitution gave a vote on such a question to every Past Grand. From this decision an appeal was taken to the Grand Lodge, and the chair was sustained. The appeal is against this action of the Grand Lodge.

The Constitution of that Grand Lodge provides that the *members* shall consist of the Past Grand Masters and the Past Grands of every Lodge under its jurisdiction who are in good standing in their respective Lodges. It also provides that each Lodge shall be entitled to only one Representative, and that such Representative shall be entitled to cast the number of votes the Lodge may be entitled to when the vote

is taken by Lodges; the number of the votes of each Lodge in such cases being determined by the number of members of which the Lodge consists. It is also provided that all questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present, unless the vote by Lodges be required; and that the vote by Lodges may be demanded by two Lodges. The article on amendments to the Constitution requires "*a vote of two-thirds of the members present.*"

It will be perceived that the appellants regard the provision which permits the call for a vote by Lodges to apply to every question that might be before the Grand Lodge; while the Constitution expressly restrains this privilege to questions which are to be determined by a majority vote alone; amendments to the Constitution being specially required to receive a two-thirds vote, thereby relieving it from the operation of section sixth of article sixth, which relates to subjects of ordinary legislation, and to questions determinable by a majority vote. In the same manner the amendatory clause defines expressly who shall be the voters on a question to amend the Constitution, and describes them as the "members present;" saying nothing of the vote being taken by Lodges or by Representatives, but by the "members present;" and the members are previously described as the Past Grand Masters and Past Grands of every Lodge in the jurisdiction.

Your committee therefore regard the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois in full conformity with her Constitution, and recommend that the same be approved.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
GEO. W. ADAMS,
HENRY E. LOCKETT,
WILLIAM THAYER,
WILLIAM P. TAYLOR.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, who have had under consideration the thirteenth decision of the M. W. Grand Sire, beg leave to report that they concur in the conclusion arrived at, and deem it a very proper subject for new legislation; but, as we learn that it is now in the hands of the Legislative Committee for their deliberation, we deem it unnecessary for this committee to take any further action in the matter than to recommend that the decision so far as the law is concerned be approved.

GEORGE W. CASSEDY,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
H. F. ASKEW,
T. N. BLAKE,
S. CRAIGHEAD.

Rep. Buckingham, of Massachusetts, from the Legislative Committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the proposition from the Grand Lodge of Georgia "to inquire into the propriety of abolishing the custom of wearing aprons by members of this Order," respectfully report that it is inexpedient at the present time to legislate upon the subject.

CHARLES E. BUCKINGHAM,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
JOHN W. DWINELLE,
W. K. EDWARDS,
WILLIAM J. HOKE.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Past Grands Syndall and Sterling, of Southwark Lodge, No. 146, respectfully report:

That in this case, at an election held in Southwark Lodge, six candidates were in nomination for an office; and on the first ballot, no person having received a majority of the votes, no election took place. Under the by-laws of the Lodge (article twenty, section second) it is provided that "on the second ballot the poll shall be between the two candidates who shall have received the highest number of votes on the first ballot," and in pursuance thereof the election was so conducted; when fifty-four votes were polled, of which twenty-seven votes were cast for one candidate, and twenty-six votes were cast for the other only remaining candidate. There was also one ballot in the box, which was cast for a brother not in nomination, and therefore reported a blank. The Noble Grand decided the blank vote was not a part of the poll, and that the brother who received twenty-seven votes was elected by a majority of the legal votes cast. From this decision an appeal was taken to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the decision was by that body sustained. The appeal is taken from this decision of the Grand Lodge.

The by-laws of the Lodge having limited the candidates on the second ballot to the two candidates having the highest vote on the first ballot, all votes cast for other candidates on the second ballot are necessarily void, and were properly excluded from the poll by the presiding Noble Grand.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be and is hereby sustained.

J. A. KENNEDY,
GEO. W. ADAMS,
WILLIAM THAYER,
WM. P. TAYLOR,
HENRY E. LOCKETT.

Rep. Fitzhugh, from the Legislative Committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom the resolution of Rep. White, of California, concerning blank cards for the degree of the daughters of Rebekah, was referred, beg leave to report that they recommend the annexed form of card as one suitable for the purpose. The committee think it inexpedient for this Grand Lodge to issue such card:

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting:

This certifies that our well-beloved sister.....whose name is endorsed on the margin of this card, in her own proper hand-writing, has been duly initiated in the degree of the Daughter of Rebekah, and is the..... of our brother.....who.....a member of.....Lodge, No...held at..... and working under authority of a charter duly granted by authority of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of.....We therefore recommend her to your friendship, aid, and protection, wherever she may be, throughout the world, for the space of.....and no longer.

In witness thereof, we have subscribed our names and affixed [seal.] the seal of our Lodge, this.....day of.....in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and.....

..... *N. G.*
..... *V. G.*
..... *Secretary.*

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
CHAS. E. BUCKINGHAM,
JOHN W. DWINELLE,
W. K. EDWARDS,
WM J. HOKE.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted the following supplementary report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Corresponding and Recording Secretary respectfully submits the subjoined supplementary statement of the receipts since the close of his former report:

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts by the Grand Secretary, after the close of his Annual Report, up to and inclusive of September* 21, 1858.

GRAND LODGES.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Diplomas.	Miscellaneous.	Representative tax.	Total.
Virginia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$150 00	150 00
Georgia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Pennsylvania	.....	.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00
Tennessee	40	60 00	17 00	7 50	.....	.....	150 00	274 50
New Jersey	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	250 00
Dist. Columbia	.....	15 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	150 00	175 00
Indiana	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 13	150 00	160 13
Massachusetts	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
L. Provinces	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Minnesota	.....	10 00	50	.....	.....	39	75 00	85 89
Rhode Island	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Vermont	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Wisconsin	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Maine	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	150 00	150 00
Arkansas	.....	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	75 00	90 00
Iowa	.....	.. ..	5 72	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 72
N. New York	.....	.....	36 50	.....	5 00	.....	150 00	191 50
Nebraska	.....	30 00	101 75	5 00	.....	.....	75 00	211 75
Kansas	.....	40 00	90 00	23 00	.....	.....	75 00	228 00
	$140	$155 00	$366 47	$45 50	$5 00	$10 52	2025 00	$2747 49

AMOUNT OF SUPPLIES *sold from Sept. 22d, 1857, to Sept. 21st, 1858, showing cost of articles, selling price, and profits.*

Number of each article sold.		Sold for.	Cost price.	Profit.
Cards, 20,522		$4,104 40	$227 87	$3,876 53
Degree books sold, 282 Furnished new Lodges, 4	286	705 00	60 06	644 94
Charge books sold, 510 Furnished new Lodges, 4	514	1,265 00	96 90	1,168 10
Encampment books sold, 101		252 50	25 25	227 25
Degree of Rebekah sold, 219		263 75	28 47	235 28
Odes sold, 6,680		334 00	133 60	200 40
Grand Lodge books sold 9 Furnished new Grand Lodges 2	11	18 00	2 20	15 80
Institution books sold, 78 Furnished D. D. Grand Sire, 1	79	110 00	12 66	97 34
Forms for Degree Lodges sold, 905		45 25	9 05	36 20
Grand Encampment books sold, 6		7 50	.....	7 50
Diplomas sold, 212 Per resolution G. L. U. S. 50	262	265 00	67 50	197 50
Digested Index sold, 246 Per resolution G. L. U. S. 98	344	430 50	172 00	258 50
Revised Journal sold, vols. 72 Per resolution G. L. U. S., vols. 292	364	180 00	.....	.....
		$7,980 90	$835 56	$6,965 34

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts by Grand Secretary, after the close of his Annual Report, up to and inclusive of September* 21, 1858.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Miscellaneous.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Alabama	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	$75 00
Georgia	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Tennessee	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Maryland	.....	20 00	.....	.....	150 00	170 00
Indiana	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Massachusetts	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Mississippi	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Texas	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Louisiana	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Wisconsin	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Pennsylvania	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
District of Columbia	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Delaware	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
New Jersey	50 00	.....	.....	3 00	75 00	128 00
Virginia	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Maine	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Rhode Island	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Northern New York	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
California	.....	40 00	75 00	.....	75 00	190 00
	$50 00	$60 00	$75 00	$3 00	$1725 00	$1,913 00

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts of Grand Secretary, after the close of his Annual Report, up to and inclusive of the* 21*st of September*, 1858.

	Books.	Dues.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Bellevue Lodge, No. 4, Nebraska	.....	$14 13	.....	$14 13
John Shligg, of Wisconsin	.....	.....	3 21	3 21
Robert McCormick, of Ohio	$1 75	.....	.....	1 75
Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico	.....	59 15	.....	59 15
Walker Encampment, No. 5, Arkansas	.....	6 20	.....	6 20
	$1 75	$79 48	$3 21	$84 44

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Supplies on hand September 21, 1857, *amount received since, amount sold during the year, and amount on hand September* 21, 1858.

	Cards.	Degree of Rebekah.	Charge Books.	Degree Books.	Grand Encampment Books.	Institution Books.	Grand Lodge Books.	Sub. Encampment Books.	Diplomas.	Odes.	Revised Journal.	Digested Index.	Forms for Degree Lodges.
On hand Sept. 21, '57	13859	594	599	938	59	353	87	342	212	33920	1244	747	8265
Rec'd during the year	25000	956	1000	...	..	....	..	1000	...	400	....	....	....
Total.....	38859	1550	1599	938	..	353	87	1342	212	34320	1244	747	8265
Sold during the year.	20522	219	510	286	6	79	11	101	212	6680	364	344	905
On hand Sept. 21, '57	18337	1331	1089	652	53	274	76	1241	...	27640	880	303	7260

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

BALANCE	Statement	$334 60	
	Supplementary	190 00	$524 60
CHARTERS	Statement	120 00	120 00
CARDS	Statement	3,844 50	
	Supplementary	215 00	4,059 40
BOOKS	Statement	2,514 03	
	Supplementary	443 22	2,957 25
REPRESENTATIVE TAX	Statement	3,962 50	
	Supplementary	3,750 00	7,712 50
DIPLOMAS	Statement	258 75	
	Supplementary	5 00	263 75
DUES	Statement	773 51	
	Supplementary	79 48	852 99
ODES	Statement	289 50	
	Supplementary	45 50	335 00
MISCELLANEOUS	Statement	101 50	
	Supplementary	16 73	118 23
TOTAL			$16,943 72

AMOUNT OF MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE WILDEY ANNUITY, *from September* 22, 1857, *to September*, 1858.

Grand Lodge of Missouri	$40 00
Grand Lodge of Maryland	40 00
Grand Lodge of Illinois	40 00
Grand Lodge of Mississippi	40 00
	$160 00

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *G. Cor. and Rec. Sec'ry.*

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1858.

LODGES.	No. of Lodges.	No. of initiations.	No. of rejections.	No. admitted by card.	No. withdrawn by card.	No. of reinstatements.	No. of suspensions.
G. L. Maryland	90	824	109	102	199	125	998
G. L. Massachusetts	71	153	1	28	59	44	423
G. L. S. New York	130	448	27	130	173	75	1171
G. L. Pennsylvania	508	3637	356	392	683	287	3961
G. L. Dis. of Columbia	13	179	21	29	28	33	109
G. L. Delaware	26	96	16	6	14	16	.....
G. L. Ohio	329	2058	202	565	1010	92	211
G. L. Louisiana	32	177	23	40	105	32	157
G. L. New Jersey	103	373	14	33	52	37	490
G. L. Kentucky	116	428	65	87	188	24	174
G. L. Virginia	99	425	54	81	189	76	123
G L. Indiana	189	1060	90	362	527	77	395
G. L. Mississippi	50	178	24	72	118	72	186
G. L. Missouri	112	828	138	289	237	55	464
G. L. Illinois	254	1632	169	686	693	8	1381
G. L. Alabama	31	105	12	36	58	13	153
G. L. Connecticut	44	46	2	3	10	7	.....
G. L. Texas	65	273	32	158	161	10	280
G. L. South Carolina	25	136	11	17	51	7	99
G. L. Tennessee	106	302	45	112	212	93	319
G. L. North Carolina	46	131	15	19	55	5	165
G. L. Georgia	21	109	4	33	48	17	141
G. L. Maine	29	13	.....	5	10	.....	161
G. L. Rhode Island	14	14	1	1	6	.....	71
G. L. New Hampshire	28	109	3	17	26	6	153
G. L. Michigan	39	111	16	14	20	12	290
G. L. Wisconsin	65	277	23	92	99	21	235
G. L. Vermont	14	19	2	4	17	4	66
G. L. Iowa	117	645	74	321	341	26	443
G. L. Arkansas*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. N. New York	493	690	51	124	257	195	2557
G. L. Florida	9	25	5	7	13	12	27
G. L. California	76	682	69	390	489	118	653
G. L. Minnesota	8	51	5	44	10	8	35
G. L. Lower Provinces	3	9	.....	1	1	.....	18
G. L. Canada West	15	167	14	7	17	16	50
G. L. Oregon	7	55	19	45	29	2	7
G. L. Nebraska*	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Kansas	5	63	1	95	7	7	.....
Sandwich Islands	1	7	.....	3	4	1	8
New Mexico	1	8	.....	.....	4	.....	3
Washington Territory	1	6	.....	.....	3	.....	.....
	3390	16,549	1713	4450	6223	1625	14,177

* No report.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1858, *continued.*

LODGES.	No. of expulsions.	No. of deaths.	No. of members.	No. of brothers relieved.	No. of widowed families relieved.	Amount paid for the relief of brothers.
G. L. Maryland.....	19	160	12,360	2354	295	$28,852 14
G. L. Massachusetts....	30	59	1313	5129	171	9,191 89
G. L. S. New York.....	8	118	8475	1345	393	29,663 62
G. L. Pennsylvania.....	123	440	44,119	5654	642	86,105 12
G. L. Dis. of Columbia..	3	23	1355	261	35	3,256 50
G. L. Delaware.....	4	23	1968	232	12	2,735 68
G. L. Ohio.....	1037	182	22,119	1883	266	28,835 83
G. L. Louisiana.....	42	51	2420	223	62	5,137 45
G. L. New Jersey.....	41	34	5068	532	58	8,354 00
G. L. Kentucky.....	15	40	4676	370	72	6,448 33
G. L. Virginia.....	367	47	5619	646	77	7,253 54
G. L. Indiana.....	53	62	8683	867	60	11,496 64
G. L. Mississippi.....	97	23	1630	51	9	779 45
G. L. Missouri.....	42	47	4641	251	59	5,586 20
G. L. Illinois.....	620	73	10,549	822	120	9,604 53
G. L. Alabama.....	22	11	1079	62	30	1,329 25
G. L. Connecticut.....	1	16	1774	220	18	5,840 01
G. L. Texas.....	10	39	2400	170	.....	1,675 00
G. L. South Carolina....	4	26	1641	124	69	2,447 50
G. L. Tennessee.....	82	36	2874	.....	.....	3,507 85
G. L. North Carolina....	36	20	1178	91	2	929 00
G. L. Georgia.....	6	20	1041	120	13	1,377 00
G. L. Maine.....	1	14	1307	106	16	2,196 62
G. L. Rhode Island.....	.....	8	773	75	27	2,663 02
G. L. New Hampshire..	2	12	1827	115	6	2,835 24
G. L. Michigan.....	5	9	1291	69	29	580 51
G. L. Wisconsin.....	167	11	2303	48	13	583 25
G. L. Vermont.....	1	4	431	30	1	463 62
G. L. Iowa.....	39	16	4453	229	14	2,227 00
G. L. Arkansas.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. N. New York....	24	82	11,783	715	113	11,263 80
G. L. Florida.....	1	6	250	16	.....	154 50
G. L. California.....	16	17	3523	338	12	10,951 85
G. L. Minnesota.....	11	.....	355	13	.....	157 42
G. L. Lower Provinces..	1	.....	121	9	.....	96 00
G. L. Canada West.....	67	4	738	.....	11	413 26
G. L. Oregon.....	1	1	240	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Nebraska.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Kansas.....	.....	.....	174	.....	.....	.....
Sandwich Islands.....	1	3	74	.....	.....	.....
New Mexico.....	1	1	45	.....	.....	.....
Washington Territory...	.....	1	30	1	.....	.....
	3000	1739	176,700	23,151	2705	$294,992 91

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1858, *continued.*

LODGES.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.	Amount paid for the education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount of the annual receipts.
G. L. Maryland	$18,793 95	$3,133 68	$8,259 51	$89,676 07
G. L. Massachusetts	3,432 93	108 00	1,995 54	25,901 84
G. L. S. New York	6,545 17	388 69	5,091 17	69,981 18
G. L. Pennsylvania	6,844 19	215 80	19,886 64	204,483 41
G. L. Dis. of Columbia	565 75	536 93	694 75	9,106 68
G. L. Delaware	169 77	18 87	641 50	.....
G. L. Ohio	4,320 90	89 85	5,113 87	116,570 93
G. L. Louisiana	4,002 26	271 80	2,830 35	33,152 04
G. L. New Jersey	1,235 35	299 60	1,396 40	27,735 70
G. L. Kentucky	1,334 65	288 30	1,578 15	30,146 52
G. L. Virginia	1,353 90	1,548 02	2,001 08	23,909 96
G. L. Indiana	596 13	907 45	2,960 00	193,105 20
G. L. Mississippi	202 70	197 00	526 00	13,196 74
G. L. Missouri	2,389 37	482 00	1,477 35	39,147 51
G. L. Illinois	1,912 88	314 83	2,004 67	66,438 49
G. L. Alabama	716 25	527 84	515 66	10,968 02
G. L. Connecticut	269 50	16 75	855 00	14,019 49
G. L. Texas	.....	134 00	984 00	16,719 91
G. L. South Carolina	3,031 83	974 53	721 50	7,175 36
G. L. Tennessee	1,227 01	.....	1,214 70	18,849 94
G. L North Carolina	30 00	291 80	382 00	6,968 70
G. L. Georgia	737 00	90 00	465 00	6,387 09
G. L. Maine	151 00	.....	219 25	3,711 37
G. L. Rhode Island	1,375 33	105 00	195 00	4,132 19
G. L. New Hampshire	94 24	3 25	393 00	1,477 00
G. L. Michigan	595 00	21 38	170 00	5,479 35
G. L. Wisconsin	278 16	5 50	267 36	7,126 29
G. L. Vermont	90 00	.....	135 00	1,513 46
G. L. Iowa	426 75	29 51	570 00	25,968 62
G. L. Arkansas	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. N. New York	3,185 18	207 29	2,250 00	44,756 78
G. L. Florida	.....	79 33	45 00	1,783 59
G L. California	707 41	.....	1,450 75	91,761 84
G. L. Minnesota	.....	.....	20 00	2,149 79
G. L. Lower Provinces	.....	.....	.....	482 00
G. L. Canada West	.....	.....	54 50	315 70
G. L. Oregon	.....	.....	.....	4,871 68
G. L. Nebraska	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Kansas	.....	.....	.....	1,580 02
Sandwich Islands	.....	.....	.....	1,235 43
New Mexico	.....	.....	.....	897 42
Washington Territory	.....	.....	.....	801 71
	$66,614 55	$11,287 06	$67,364 70	$1,223,685 03

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1858.

ENCAMPMENTS.	No. of Subordinates.	No. of initiations.	No. of rejections.	No. admitted by card.	No. withdrawn by card.	No. of reinstatements.	No. of suspensions.	No. of expulsions.	No. of deaths.	No. of members.	No. of Patriarchs relieved.
G. E Maryland.....	11	77	4	6	9	4	55	4	26	1556	304
G. E. Pennsylvania.....	96	490	11	27	55	25	301	6	50	5553	764
G. E. S. New York.....	13	60	..	6	6	4	52	....	4	487	32
G. E. Ohio.....	78	416	10	96	162	15	25	188	40	4306	312
G. E. New Jersey.....	23	25	..	3	1	1	42	....	6	.....	.....
G. E. Virginia.	30	76	3	4	12	1	6	21	9	1025	93
G. E. South Carolina...	3	17	1	3	2	...	9	....	1	165	5
G. E. Massachusetts....	14	25	..	3	9	5	55	....	7	766	36
G. E. Kentucky..	23	82	6	17	20	11	38	1	8	692	54
G. E. Maine.....	10	1	..	....	....	1	4	....	....	212	5
G. E. New Hampshire...	6	11	..	....	1	1	13	....	1	253	6
G. E. Mississippi.....	14	44	..	3	19	4	18	2	4	277	4
G. E. Dis. of Columbia..	4	41	1	3	4	...	20	....	4	292	28
G. E. Tennessee.....	22	77	2	7	19	...	36	3	3	394	19
G. E. North Carolina*...	...	....	..	....	....	...	....	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. Georgia.....	6	44	1	3	6	3	3	....	4	252	8
G. E. Louisiana.....	6	15	..	7	13	3	13	....	6	295	15
G. E. Alabama.....	4	8	..	....	....	...	....	....	....	138	1
G. E. Indiana.....	53	208	27	30	63	12	27	6	14	1688	99
G. E. Illinois..	41	156	4	17	36	3	17	26	8	1081	30
G. E. Michigan.....	5	12	..	1	5	...	62	....	....	115	.....
G. E. Rhode Island.....	6	1	..	....	2	...	31	....	1	148	4
G. E. Delaware.....	7	5	1	1	3	1	45	1	3	230	29
G. E. Connecticut.....	8	12	..	1	....	2	....	....	1	227	8
G. E. Missouri.....	25	175	1	24	32	9	19	....	3	538	2
G. E. N. New York	71	56	2	16	16	10	173	9	8	979	22
G. E. Iowa.....	19	77	3	26	23	2	19	2	2	480	8
G. E. Wisconsin	10	79	..	6	16	3	61	4	3	224	.....
G E. California...	15	98	2	39	44	5	26	....	....	448	14
G, E. Texas.....	16	24	..	1	5	...	....	....	3	325	.....
Arkansas†..... ...	4	4	..	....	2	...	....	....	....	49	.....
Vermont†.....	3	14	..	....	8	...	....	....	...	32	.....
Florida*.....	1	....	..	....	....	...	....	....	....	.....	.....
Minnesota....	1	4	..	....	1	...	14	....	....	22	.....
Sandwich Islands.....	1	10	..	....	....	...	2	....	1	30	.....
Low. Provinces B.N.A.‡	1	....	..	....	....	...	2	....	....	20	.....
Oregon.....	1	11	..	3	1	...	....	...	....	20	.....
	651	2755	79	353	595	125	1188	273	220	23,319	1902

* No report. † Two reported. ‡ One report.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June 30, 1858, continued.*

ENCAMPMENTS.	No. of widowed families relieved.	Amount paid for the relief of Patriarchs.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.	Amount paid for the education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount of the annual receipts.
G. E. Maryland.....	18	$ 4,085 00	$2,164 00	.....	$1,182 75	$8,898 91
G. E. Pennsylvania.....	45	12,507 84	593 00	.....	2,042 00	25,263 96
G. E. S. New York.....	1	363 00	3 00	.....	90 00	2,426 75
G. E. Ohio.....	13	4,413 77	198 10	.....	717 65	19,489 68
G. E. New Jersey.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Virginia.....	10	1,178 25	10 00	.....	336 50	3,488 48
G. E. South Carolina...	2	106 00	45 00	.....	.....	415 00
G. E. Massachusetts....	1	970 12	41 00	.....	120 00	3,706 68
G. E. Kentucky.....	1	647 00	20 00	.....	50 00	2,567 08
G. E. Maine.....	....	62 00	.....	.....	.....	193 00
G. E. New Hampshire..	....	53 00	.....	.....	.....	377 00
G. E. Mississippi.....	....	58 00	.....	....	30 00	1,920 85
G. E. Dis. of Columbia..	....	338 00	.....	.....	72 50	1,139 00
G. E. Tennessee.....	....	196 00	.....	.....	.....	2,792 72
G. E. North Carolina...	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Georgia.....	...	81 00	.....	.....	.....	1,129 54
G. E. Louisiana.....	....	454 00	.....	.....	60 00	1,848 45
G. E. Alabama.....	1	4 00	25 00	.....	.....	275 05
G. E. Indiana.....	1	1,389 33	12 50	.....	210 00	11,710 00
G. E. Illinois.....	....	217 00	.....	.....	275 00	3,635 88
G. E. Michigan.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	171 41
G. E. Rhode Island.....	....	72 79	.....	.....	.....	386 45
G. E. Delaware.....	....	270 00	.....	.....	90 00	65 95
G. E. Connecticut.....	....	80 00	.....	.....	30 00	824 00
G. E. Missouri.....	....	110 00	.....	.....	.....	3,311 98
G. E. N. New York....	....	211 00	.....	10 00	40 84	2,019 92
G. E. Iowa.....	....	74 00	.....	.....	15 00	1,797 77
G. E. Wisconsin.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	886 63
G. E. California.....	....	224 00	.....	.....	.....	6,651 98
G. E. Texas.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,192 00
Arkansas.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	195 00
Vermont.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	153 25
Florida.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Minnesota.....	....	6 00	.....	.....	15 00	105 66
Sandwich Islands.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	394 11
Lower Provinces B. N. A.	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Oregon.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	718 00
	93	$28,171 10	$3,111 60	10 00	$5,377 24	110,156 54

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge at recess for thirty minutes, pursuant to the order to that effect.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

The hour having arrived fixed by the Lodge for resolving itself into a Committee of the Whole, it resolved itself accordingly into a Committee of the Whole—Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina in the chair.

After some hours deliberation, the committee rose.

The M. W. Grand Sire having resumed the chair—,

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, from the Committee of the Whole, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of the Whole, to which was referred the consideration of the following amendments to the Constitution in reference to Representatives and the finances of this Lodge, to be found on pages 2803, 2806, 2812, and 2825 of the Journal, respectfully report that the committee have disposed of the business referred to them, and recommend that this Grand Lodge adopt the proposed amendment to be found on page 2825, as follows:

"Section 2. Every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand and less members in good standing shall be entitled to one vote in the Grand Lodge; every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing shall be entitled to two votes; and no State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than one Grand Representative at the same time; Provided, however, that any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be entitled to as many Grand Representatives as it may have votes, on assuming the payment of the mileage and per diem of the additional Grand Representative."

The committee recommend that the remaining matter referred to them be not adopted, and that the committee be discharged.

R. B. BOYLSTON, *Chairman.*

On motion of Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, the report of the committee was accepted.

The question being on concurring in the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole, to adopt the proposed amendment to the Constitution, to be found on page 2825 Journal, as follows:

"Section 2. Every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing shall be entitled to one vote in the Grand Lodge; every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing shall be entitled to two votes; and no State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than one Grand Representative at the same time: Provided, however, that any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be entitled to as many Grand Representatives as it may have votes on assuming the payment of the mileage and per diem of the additional Grand Representative."

Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the proposed amendment to the Constitution?" which was resolved in the negative—three-fourths not appearing in the affirmative. The yeas and nays were as follows:

YEAS—Adams, (2 votes,) Archer, Armstrong, Armington, Askew, Barber, Barry, Blake, Buckingham, Caldwell, Clark of Florida, Clark of Vermont, Clayton, Clemmer, Conley, Cornwell, Craighead, Danenhower, Dwinelle. Earl, Ellis, Escavaille, Foster, (2 votes,) Fuller, Garrett, Gilmore, Glenn, Green, Hills, Hoke, Hunt, Johnson, Kellogg, Kennedy, Langdon, Marley, Marsh, Mitchell of South Carolina, Pope, (2 votes,) Rand, Richardson, Rodney, Shields, Stetson, Tucker of Massachusetts, Tucker of New Jersey, Veitch, Wilkinson, Yale, Young—54.

NAYS—Barnes, Boylston, Brewster, Burnham, (2 votes,) Cassedy, Cook, Crutcher, Edwards, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, Harvey, Hemingray, Herndon, Hodgson, Howe, Kidder, Lints, (2 votes,) McAuley, McKinstry, Mason, May, Nutter, Peers, Rich, Israel Robinson, (2 votes,) J. H. Robinson, Shinkle, Stewart, Storer, (2 votes,) Stuart, Tapley, Taylor, Thayer, Wilson, Whitaker, White, Wilcox, Wolford, Zimmerman—43.

Rep. Taylor, of Pennsylvania, moved that the Lodge now reconsider the vote had on yesterday, fixing the mileage and per diem of members for this session.

Rep. I. Robinson, of Virginia, moved to lay the motion of Rep. Taylor, of Pennsylvania, on the table, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays being required on the adoption of the motion to lay on the table, appeared as follows:

YEAS—Barnes, Caldwell, Cassedy, Clark of Vermont, Cook, Cornwell, Craighead, Crutcher, Danenhower, Davis, Dwinelle, Earl, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, Foster, (2 votes,) Gilmore, Green, Harvey, Herndon, (2 votes,) Hoke, Howe, McAuley, McKinstry, Marsh, Mason, May, Mitchell of South Carolina, Nutter, Pope, (2 votes,) Rich, Israel Robinson, (2 votes,) J. H. Robinson, Shields, Shinkle, Stetson, Storer, (2 votes.) Straw, Tapley, Thayer, Tucker of New Jersey, Wilson, Whitaker, White, Wolford, Yale—49

NAYS—Adams, (2 votes,) Archer, Armstrong, Armington, Askew, Barber, Barry, Blake, Boylston, Buckingham, Clarke, of Florida, Clayton, Conley, Edwards, (2 votes,) Ellis, Escavaille, Fuller, Garrett, Glenn, Hemingray, Hodgson, Hunt, Johnson, Kennedy, Kidder, Langdon, Lints, (2 votes,) Marley, Peers, Rand, Richardson, Rodney, Stuart, Taylor, Tucker of Massachusetts, Veitch, Wilkinson, Zimmerman—42.

Rep. McKinstry, of Alabama, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That each member of this Grand Lodge contribute the sum of thirty dollars to liquidate the debt of the Grand Lodge, and that this amount be deducted from the pay-bill, in cases where the same exceeds thirty dollars.

Rep. Barnes, of Tennessee, moved to adopt the resolution.

Pending the consideration of the question, the hour of 3½ o'clock having arrived, the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

GEORGE W. RACE.....M. W. Grand Sire.
BENJAMIN CONLEY.....R. W. D. Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
CALEB RAND.....R. W. Grand Chaplain, *p. t.*
A. M. FOUTE.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
S. H. LEWYT.....W. Grand Guardian.
J. E. CHAMBERLAIN.....W. Grand Messenger.

And a representation from every jurisdiction in the Order.

Prayer by Bro. Caleb Rand, R. W. Grand Chaplain, *p. t.*

On motion of Rep. Herndon, of Indiana, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance have examined the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, together with the several vouchers of each item of expenditure accompanying, and report the same as correct. The accounts show as follows:

Balance on hand per last report		$10,413 24
Cash received for revenue proper during the year	$16,943 72	
Proceeds of negotiations authorized by resolution of last year	3,365 69	
		$20,304 41
		30,717 65
Amount paid out for all purposes		20,284 59
Balance in Treasury		$10,433 06

The Assets and Resources are as follows:

Cash as above	$10,433 06
Bond of Thos. Wildey, secured by mortgage on real estate	6,235 41
Notes of Grand Lodge of Maine, not matured	202 62
	$16,871 09
Aggregate of supplies on hand at selling prices	17,822 15
Total assets	$34,693 24

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
FRED. D. STUART,
VOLNEY GREEN,
JNO. G. CLAYTON,
B. CONLEY.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions have examined the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and finding the same to be correct, respectfully recommend its approval by the Grand Lodge.

E. C. ROBINSON,
DEWITT C. LANGDON,
ASA B. CLARK,
JAMES B. KELLOGG,
F. M. FOSTER.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, in discharge of the duty assigned them, have carefully examined the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, as amended; the constitution as amended of the Grand Lodge of Texas, and also of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey; all of which they find correct, and recommend that they be severally approved by this R. W. Grand Lodge.

E. C. ROBINSON,
DEWITT C. LANGDON,
A. B. CLARK,
JAMES B. KELLOGG,
F. M. FOSTER.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, having examined the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, would respectfully report that they find it correct, and would recommend its approval by this body. They would also state that particular attention was directed to article sixth, clause fourth, of their constitution of Subordinates relative to suspended members. By reference to the proceedings of 1856, folio 2665, it will be seen that the Legislative Committee reported that Subordinate Lodges might remit the whole or any part of the dues which had accrued during the suspension of a member. This being a matter for local legislation, no action is necessary by this body.

E. C. ROBINSON,
DEWITT C. LANGDON,
ASA B. CLARK,
JAMES B. KELLOGG,
F. M. FOSTER.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the inquiry of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces in relation to the term of Grand Representative, would respectfully report that the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, article nine, requires the term to be two years, and would recommend that the Constitution of that body be altered in accordance with the law.

E. C. ROBINSON,
DEWITT C. LANGDON,
A. B. CLARK,
JAMES B. KELLOGG,
F. M. FOSTER.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions would respectfully report that they have examined the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, and the amended Constitutions of the Grand Encampments of Tennessee and Missouri, and find them correct, and would recommend their approval.

E. C. ROBINSON,
DEWITT C. LANGDON,
A. B. CLARK,
JAMES B. KELLOGG,
F. M. FOSTER.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions recommend that the amendments proposed to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, and to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts be approved.

E. C. ROBINSON,
DEWITT C. LANGDON,
A. B. CLARK,
JAMES B. KELLOGG,
F. M. FOSTER.

Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns, to whom were referred the reports of the several Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, ask leave to report in part that they have examined the semi-annual reports of the Subordinate Lodges referred to them, and find the following correct, viz:

Nebraska Territory—Bellevue Lodge, No. 4, for the term ending December 31, 1857.

New Mexico—Montezuma Lodge, No. 1, for the terms ending June 30 and December 31, 1857; Paradise Lodge, No. 2, for the terms ending June 30 and December 31, 1857, and June 30, 1858.

Kansas—Leavenworth Lodge, No. 2, for the term ending December 31, 1857; Friendship Lodge, No. 5, for the term ending December 31, 1857.

Sandwich Islands—Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, for the terms ending December 31, 1856, June 30 and December 31, 1857, and June 30, 1858; Pacific Lodge, No. 2, for the terms ending December 31, 1856, and June 30 and December 31, 1857.

The following correct, except that they are without seal:

Washington Territory—Olympia Lodge, No. 1, for the terms ending June 30 and December 31, 1857, and June 30, 1858.

Kansas—Shawnee Lodge, No. 1, for the terms ending December 31, 1857, and June 30, 1858; Sumumduwat Lodge, No. 3, for the term ending December 31, 1857.

These Lodges having as yet been unable to procure a seal, the committee recommend that their reports be received as submitted.

H. G. STETSON,
F. A. ELLIS,
WILLIAM GARRETT,
J. H. ROBINSON,
M. E. WILCOX.

Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, (page 2900 of the Journal,) have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report:

That there is no record in possession of this R. W. Grand Lodge showing the commencement and ending of terms of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the jurisdictions of Grand Bodies represented in this R. W. Grand Lodge, and that they have no means at their command to get the required information, and beg leave to ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

H. G. STETSON,
F. A. ELLIS,
WILLIAM GARRETT,
J. H. ROBINSON,
M. E. WILCOX.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred an informal paper petitioning for a charter for a Lodge to be located at Lawrence, Kansas Territory, have conferred with the R. W. Grand Secretary, and find that a dispensation has been duly granted, the Lodge opened, and proper returns made. We therefore recommend that the same be concurred in, and a charter duly issued.

E. D. FARNSWORTH,
WM. I. CORNWELL,
R. A. CALDWELL,
JOSEPH KIDDER,
ALEX. McKINSTRY.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petitions of sundry members of the Order for a charter for a Lodge to be located at Wyandotte, Territory of Kansas, and to be hailed Sumumduwat Lodge, No. 3, report that we find the papers rather informal, but having advised with the executive officers of this R. W. Grand Lodge, we find that proper action has been had by the executive, and therefore recommend that the Grand Lodge concur in the action of the executive, and that a charter duly issue.

E. D. FARNSWORTH,
WILLIAM I. CORNWELL,
R. A. CALDWELL,
JOSEPH KIDDER,
ALEX. McKINSTRY.

Rep. Langdon, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, (Journal page 2917,) would respectfully recommend their adoption.

DEWITT C. LANGDON,
JAMES B. KELLOGG,
E. C. ROBINSON,
ASA B. CLARK,
F. M. FOSTER.

Rep. Davis. of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee appointed to report the Unfinished Business of the last session find the following:

The majority and minority report of the Legislative Committee relative to public installations.—See pages 2725, 2806 and 2829 of the Journal.

The reports of the Committee on the State of the Order relative to admitting the Polynesian race to membership in the Order.—See Journal, pages 2780, 2804, 2818 and 2829.

The appeal of Wm. R. Craig, of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, referred to this session for further evidence.—See Journal, page 2764.

Resolution of Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, touching the privilege of one Lodge to visit a sister Lodge of the same jurisdiction.—See pages 2775, 2792 and 2828 of the Journal.

Amendment to the twenty-sixth article of the By-Laws, by Rep. Glenn, of Ohio.—See Journal, page 2776.

STILMAN S. DAVIS,
S. B. STRAW,
PHILO WHITE.

Rep. Kellogg, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred certain amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, respectfully report that they have had said amendments under consideration, and, finding them in harmony with the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Lodge, recommend their approval.

JAMES B. KELLOGG,
DEWITT C. LANGDON,
F. M. FOSTER,
E. C. ROBINSON,
A. B. CLARK.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the matter of grievance presented by Rep. Mitchell, of Arkansas (page 2902 Journal,) respectfully report that the subject matter will more properly be submitted to the Committee on Appeals, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

H. F. ASKEW,
GEO. W. CASSEDY,
T. N. BLAKE,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
S. CRAIGHEAD.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the Commitee on Finance, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following estimates of the receipts and expenditures of the current year:

Estimated Expenditures.

Salary of Grand Secretary	$1,200 00
" " Treasurer	200 00
" " Messenger	700 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's office, including gas, fuel, &c.	300 00
Postage, stationery, &c. Grand Secretary's office	400 00
Paper, and printing daily Journal of this session	600 00
Paper, and printing Journal, revised and stereotyped, or so much thereof as may be necessary, as per contract	1,500 00
Cards	200 00
Degree books	200 00
Engraving plates for Representatives' diploma and certificate of membership, printing, &c.	2,000 00
Visiting card plate	250 00
Mileage and per diem	12,000 00
Contingent fund	500 00
Book case for preserving proceedings of State Grand Bodies	100 00
Total estimated expenses	$20,150 00

Estimated Revenue for the current year.

Representative tax	$7,500 00
Dues from Subordinate Lodges	200 00
Arrears of Grand Bodies	500 00
Sale of books	4,000 00
Sale of cards	5,000 00
Sale of diplomas and certificates of membership	3,000 00
Sale of odes	400 00
	$20,600 00

It will be seen by the Grand Treasurer's report that there is still a deficiency of about $3,500. To liquidate this, and to meet the current demands on the Grand Lodge, the committee are entirely at a loss what means to devise. The fact that the Grand Lodge refused yesterday to adopt either of the propositions which had in view a reduction of its expenses has left the committee without an alternative.

Notwithstanding the embarrassed condition of the finances of the Grand Lodge, the committee concur in the recommendation of the R. W. Grand Secretary in reference to a new diploma for Representatives, and a certificate, in diploma form, for members generally. They therefore have included in the estimated expenses for the current year the

sum required for that purpose, believing that a considerable revenue will be derived therefrom. The following resolutions are submitted:

Resolved, That the sum of twenty thousand one hundred and fifty dollars, ($20,150 00) or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of salaries, printing, per diem and mileage, and other expenses of the current year, agreeably to the estimate herewith submitted, and the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue his warrants for the same.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to change the form of the Diploma for Representatives in accordance with his own recommendation, and that he be authorized to have a new plate engraved, on such terms as he may deem proper, consistent with the style and character of the work; and also that he be authorized to have a Certificate of Membership, in diploma form, engraved on such terms as the nature of the device and the character of the work may suggest.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
F. D. STUART,
B. CONLEY,
JNO. G. CLAYTON,
VOLNEY GREEN.

On motion of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, moved to amend the resolutions accompanying the report of the committee by adding the following:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Treasurer be and is hereby instructed, after providing for the payment of such other claims as may stand against the Grand Lodge at the close of the session, to divide the balance in the Treasury *pro rata* in the payment of mileage to Officers and Representatives, and that he give to each person an official acknowledgement of the balance due, and such acknowledgments may be received by the Grand Secretary in payment for supplies.

Rep. Wilcox, of Tennessee, moved to postpone the subject until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Finance be recommitted to the committee with instructions to strike therefrom all allowance for per diem, and that no per diem be allowed to the members of this Grand Lodge at the present session.

The question being on the motion to recommit—

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The hour having arrived fixed by the special order of yesterday for instruction in the secret work, the Lodge accordingly resolved itself into secret session.

After several hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business—

When, 12 o'clock, the hour fixed for recess, having arrived, the Lodge receded from business for thirty minutes.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

On motion of Rep. Askew, of Delaware, the Lodge again resolved itself into secret session.

After some hours passed in secret session the Lodge resumed its ordinary business, when—

Rep. Dwinelle, of N. New York, from the special committee, to whom the subject had been referred, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, a special committee appointed under the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the opinion of the M. W. Grand Sire on the admission of Polynesians into membership, to be found at page 2698 of the printed Journal, together with the reports of the majority and minority of the late Committee on the State of the Order on the same subject, to be found at pages 2779 and 2804 of the printed proceedings, be referred to a special committee of five, who shall examine and report upon the whole subject."

And to whom was also referred the following preamble and resolution offered by Rep. Edwards, of Indiana:

"WHEREAS at the annual communication of 1854 (page 2327, volume four) it was provided that the Chinese residents of California who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, may be admitted to the Order and permitted to work in Lodges of their own in the Chinese language; and as none of the Chinese residents of California have availed themselves of this benefit—as the same benefit has been denied to the Indians, possessing like qualifications—as the Chinese should not occupy a more favorable position than the Indians—and as the action of this body conferring said right and benefit upon the Chinese conflicts with the second section of article ten of the Constitution, which is as follows: "No person shall be entitled to admission to the Order except *free white males* of good moral character." Therefore be it

Resolved, That the action of this body entitling the Chinese residents of California to admission to the Order, as stated in the preamble, be and the same is herby declared to be null and void"—

Would respectfully report that they have examined the subject matter referred to them, and are of opinion that the solution of the whole question is easily attained by the interpretation of terms in their natural and ordinary sense, and does not demand the aid of science or of elaborate reasoning; but, inasmuch as it has from time to time given occasion to renewed discussion in the Grand Lodge, we have thought it expedient to examine it both in reference to the terms descriptive of race as used in the Constitution, and to the decision of the Grand Lodge excluding Indians from membership.

History, philology, and legislation shed a blended light upon the application of the term Indian. It seems to have been first used by the Persians to designate all the races of Eastern Asia, situate about and beyond the river Indus—for it is to be remarked that these races themselves do not acknowledge any such designation. The Persians, being pure Caucasians, doubtless applied this term to the nations be-

yond them, who were of a different race or races. As the Greeks applied the term Barbarian to all who were not Greeks, so doubtless the Persians gave the generic term Indian to all their Eastern neighbors who were not of the Persian, that is to say, the Caucasian type. So when the Greeks took the term Indian from the Persians they applied it generically to all the Eastern populations; and, although the history of Alexander's conquests states the fact that many of the nations conquered by him were of types of races specifically distinct from each other, they were still generically classed as one great Indian family. When the Romans afterwards adopted the term they applied it in the same generic sense to all the Asiatic people lying to the East of the Persians and Arabs; and the fact that some of the early Roman geographers located the fountains of the Nile, and the Egyptian Thebes, in India, indicates that at one time all races and countries which were non-Caucasian were classed together as Indian. Subsequently a further progress to the South revealed the fact that the African races differed as distinctly and as greatly in degree from the Indian as from the Caucasian type, and they were therefore grouped by themselves as Ethiopians or Africans. The term Caucasian, as applied to the highest type of the human race, does not appear to have been known to the Romans; but the poet Horace gives its expressive synonym: "Audax gens Iapeti"—the bold race of Japhet. Three great generic families of mankind were therefore recognised by the Romans: *first*, the Caucasian race, inhabiting Europe, Western Asia, and a portion of the southern shore of the Mediterranean: *secondly*, the Indian race, inhabiting Eastern Asia, beyond the Persians and Arabs, and about and beyond the Indus: *thirdly*, the Ethiopean race, indigenous to and inhabiting Africa; and we apprehend that the generic signification of these terms has not been impaired since the time of the Romans, but that they are still and ever have been employed in that sense, in history, in literature, and in legislation.

The application of the word "Indies" to all these Eastern countries of Asia was universal before the time of Columbus; for, anterior to the date of his discoveries, the Venetians had reached those countries overland, and the Portuguese by way of the Cape of Good Hope. Columbus, however, was the first to suggest that inasmuch as the earth was a sphere, the Indies could be reached by sailing due west from Spain. It is a remarkable fact, and one very relevant to our present purpose, that this point of departure from Spain was the port of Palos, in the thirty-seventh degree of northern latitude, and that the first land he discovered was the island of Guanhanini, (San Salvador,) in the twenty-fourth degree of northern latitude. Now this last parallel continued westward, striking the coast of China about sixty miles to the north of Canton; and Columbus actually supposed that San Salvador was one of the islands of the Chinese sea. Here then is this notable coincidence of circumstances: the great discoverer sets out for the Indies by a western passage; he finds land in the latitude of China which he mistakes for a part of that country; he lands, thanking God that he has at last reached the *Indies;* he

calls the natives by the name of *Indians;* and neither he, nor the old navigators of the Indian seas who accompany him, ever suspect that these natives do not conform to the familiar Eastern Indian type. Had he found these a different people, approaching the Caucasian type, or receding from it to the extent of the negro varieties, would he have supposed for a moment that he had reached the Indies? In the literature and legislation of Spain, the words Indian and the Indies retain their original generic signification, and do not appear to have ever been reduced by specific qualifications. Salva, in the last edition of his extensive and elaborate Dictionary of the Spanish language, published in 1857, defines the term Indian, "el natural y originario de las Indias;" the aboriginal native of the Indies. And a collection of royal Spanish decrees, "Las Leyes de los Indios," "Laws for the Indians," aggregated these conquered and subjected races under their generic designation, and in legislating for their protection were in force from Patagonia to Oregon, and were not more applicable to Hispaniola and Cuba than to the Caroline Islands in the Pacific ocean, and the Philippines in the Chinese sea. In France the original signification of the term has been retained. Bescherelle, in his great Dictionary of the French language, after defining "Indian" to be "an inhabitant of the Indies," adds, "Ce nom n'appartient en propre qu' aux habitants des Indes Orientales. Apres la decouverture du nouveau monde, il a ete abusivement etendu aux aborigines de l'Amerique." "This word properly belongs to the inhabitants of the East Indies only. Since the discovery of the New World it has been improperly extended to the aborigines of America;" thus protesting against the aborigines of America being grouped at all into the Indian family. In the English language the term Indian is defined by Webster "as pertaining to either of the Indies, East or West, or to the North American Indians," in which generic definition all the lexicographers agree, leaving specific varieties to be indicated by the terms East Indian, West Indian, or North American Indian. There is even a tendency to revert to the original application of the term before the discovery of America; as, when the phrases Indian architecture, Indian literature, Indian mutiny and the like are employed, the mind habitually reverts to the East; but the phrase "Indian races" instantly recalls the broad, comprehensive meaning of the term.

It will be borne in mind that this is not a question of ethnology; it is a question of the sense in which a word has been employed which has been in use for more than three hundred years; and even if the science of ethnology, whose origin is so recent that its very name is not to be found in dictionaries and encyclopedias published only thirty years ago, should finally decide that the so-called Indian races have little or no affinity with each other, that would not impair the fact that they have been designated as Indians in history and legislation for several centuries.

It is a received principle of interpretation that when a term is taken from science or legislation, we must resort to its source in order to ascertain its definition. Now the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of

the United States may almost be said to be essentially a political constitution; it is undeniable that it is founded upon the model of the political Constitutions of our country; it preserves their general structure and adopts their terms. The very phrase "free white males," to whom our Constitution, article sixteen, section two, restricts our membership, is taken from some of these Constitutions, and to their authors and administrators we are therefore led to look for the definition of this term. It commonly happens that isolated cases do not bring a general political rule to the test, and that it is only when large bodies or large interests come into collision that a discussion or adjudication takes place. Thus, although the naturalization laws of the United States confines the description of aliens who may become citizens to "free white persons," it is believed that no federal adjudication under those laws has settled the meaning of the term, while Chinese have been quietly naturalized under them in one part of the country and Polynesians in another. Chancellor Kent, indeed, in a portion of his Commentaries, written more than thirty years ago, expresses his opinion "as to the copper colored races of America or the yellow or tawny races of the Asiatics, that it may well be doubted whether any of them are 'white persons,' within the purview of the law."—(2 Kent's Commentaries, 72.) But it was reserved for the young State of California to give this question its first judicial solution. There the foreign races were neither few nor isolated, but consisting of a population numbered by scores of thousands, and the question could neither be evaded nor treated empirically. The criminal code of that State provides "that no black or mulatto persons or Indian shall be allowed to give evidence in favor of or against a white man." In the case of the People *vs.* Hall, 4th California reports, page 399, the appellant, a free white citizen of that State, was convicted of murder upon the testimony of Chinese witnesses, and appealed to the Supreme Court upon the ground that Chinese were excluded as witnesses by the above cited provision of that code. The court, in reversing the conviction, decided "that the name of Indian, from the time of Columbus to the present day, had been used to designate not only the North American Indian, but the whole of the Mongolian race." They therefore excluded the Chinese, as being Mongolians, and consequently falling under the prohibitions attached to the generic term Indian. Further, they decide "that the word 'white' has a distinct signification, which, *ex vi termini*, excludes *all other* colors." The Chinese were therefore excluded as witnesses, first, because they were included *by law* in the designation of "Indians," and, secondly, because not being white or Caucasian in race, they necessarily fell under the contradistinguishing term of "black." In other words that the term "white," as a term of law, indicates race, and not complexion, and that that race is the pure white Caucasian. A short time previous to this decision the Superior Court of San Francisco refused to naturalize a Chinese on the ground that he was not a "white person."

We are compelled to concur in the conclusions thus deduced from

history, philology, legislation, and judicial interpretation. When the great and comprehensive mind of Kent, treating an abstract point of law, shadows forth its conclusions, which many years afterwards are thoroughly discussed and deliberately enunciated by a court, who are acting upon a great and pressing reality, we may be pardoned for adopting the solution which is thus presented ready-made for our use. In effect the Grand Lodge of the United States has already more than once adjudicated the point in deciding that Indians are not admissible to membership. It is true that in the session of 1854 the Grand Sire reported a decision that Chinese, as being Mongolians, were eligible to membership, and that that decision was approved by an appropriate committee; but the record leaves it doubtful whether the Grand Lodge ever adopted the decision. Even if it did adopt it, we have no hesitation in saying that it must have been upon an imperfect appreciation of the facts involved, and that the Grand Lodge is not to be bound by the consequences of a hasty or improvident decision. If Mongolians are held to be eligible to membership, we should be bound to reject the word "white" from our constitution; for the Eastern races run into each other by such small gradations of color that it would be impossible to determine any point in the series from the Chinese to the Malay, where it could be said that black, and not white, had become the designation of color. It is only by adhering strictly to an absolute and unmistakable standard that we can obtain a correct solution, and this standard is furnished by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. Chinese and Polynesians are therefore not eligible to membership in our Order; first, because they come under the generic designation of "Indians;" and, *secondly*, because they are not "white."

If this question were to be decided for the first time upon considerations of policy, we apprehend it would receive the same solution which has been already awarded to it. However much we may hope for the future elevation of other races, the pure white Caucasian race is the only one which has ever shown itself capable of sustaining free institutions, or which possesses the great characteristics of honor and veracity. Without these our Order cannot exist for a moment; and the Chinese, sunk in a depth of moral, social and political debasement which our language has no terms to express; the Malay, incapable of truth or self-restraint; and their kindred races, false, sensual and corrupt, ought not to be permitted to enter into a covenant which they can neither comprehend nor perform. Isolated cases of exception to the general characteristics of a race cannot impair the judgment to be passed upon it, for the subject is one of races and not of individuals, and must be controlled by the operation of broad and comprehensive rules.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, and also the adoption of the preamble and resolution submitted by Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, on page 2915 of the Journal:

Resolved, That the terms "free white males," in article sixteen, section three of the Constitution, are descriptive of the pure white Caucasian race, and ex-

clude all other races and colors from membership in our Order, and that therefore Chinese and Polynesians are not eligible to membership.

JOHN W. DWINELLE,
W. K. EDWARDS,
E. G. FULLER,
ALEXANDER McKINSTRY,
ISAAC M. TUCKER.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the inquiry of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, by Grand Rep. Lints, on page 2900 of the Journal, respectfully report that they have carefully examined the decisions which have been made having a bearing on the first inquiry, and find that the law as set forth by this Grand Lodge (vol. 4, pages 2265, 2468,) maintains that whilst in Representative Grand Bodies a Past Grand, (unless a representative) may be deprived of the privilege of voting on all legislative matters, his right to vote for Grand Officers has been uniformly sustained. The committee do not deem it their duty to express an opinion as to the propriety of the decisions. The committee therefore answer the inquiry in the negative.

On the second inquiry, on same page of Journal, in reference to scarlet degree members voting for Grand Officers, the committee have no difficulty in deciding in the negative. None but those properly qualified for membership in the Grand Body could by any possibility be allowed to vote for the officers thereof.

H. F. ASKEW,
S. CRAIGHEAD,
T. N. BLAKE,
R. B. BOYLSTON.

The undersigned unhesitatingly concurs with his colleagues in their reply to the second inquiry of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, that in *no contingency* whatever can scarlet degree members be allowed to vote for Grand Lodge Officers; but is compelled to dissent from the law expounded in the above report in reply to the first inquiry propounded. The undersigned will prepare and present a minority report, giving his views respecting the subject matter of the first inquiry.

GEO. W. CASSEDY.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the query submitted from the Grand Lodge of Illinois by Grand Rep.

Armstrong, on page 2901 of Journal, in the following words: "Is a brother holding a final card of over one year's date a competent petitioner for a dispensation to open a new Lodge?" respectfully report that the laws of this Grand Lodge require that the petitioners for a dispensation to open a new Lodge shall be brothers "in good standing," which embraces those "holding unexpired withdrawal cards;" but after the expiration of twelve months from the date, "the card becomes null and of no value," and "the holders of them are beyond the jurisdiction of the Order."—(Digest, pages 308, 558.) Such a brother thus situated could not therefore be "in good standing," and consequently could not be legally an applicant for a dispensation to open a new Lodge. We are therefore obliged to answer the inquiry in the negative.

The committee are, however, of the opinion that in certain localities, remote and sparsely settled, it is not impossible that the law may operate with stringency, and tend in some degree to retard the formation of new Lodges and the advancement of the Order. We therefore suggest that to remedy this evil will require further legislation.

H. F. ASKEW,
GEO. W. CASSEDY,
T. N. BLAKE,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
S. CRAIGHEAD.

Rep. Blake, of Louisiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the following inquiry from the Grand Encampment of California:

"Can a brother who has applied for membership by card in an Encampment or Lodge be considered a member thereof before he has been introduced and signed the Constitution and By-Laws, or is he a member and subject to dues from the date of his election?"

Would respectfully report that this R. W. Grand Lodge has decided the question to be a matter for local legislation. (See pages 2103 and 2146 of the Journal.)

T. N. BLAKE,
GEO. W. CASSEDY,
H. F. ASKEW,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
S. CRAIGHEAD.

Rep. Clark, of Florida, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California, report

that they find it in accordance with the requirements of the laws of this Grand Lodge and recommend that it be approved.

ASA B. CLARK,
DEWITT C. LANGDON,
F. M. FOSTER,
JAMES B. KELLOGG,
E. C. ROBINSON.

Rep. Gilmore, of Northern New York, from the Committee on Correspondence made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your committee to whom was referred the various communications addressed to the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Secretary during the year just closed, beg leave to report:

That the greater portion of said correspondence has been of a business character and attended to by these competent and very efficient officers, and therefore requires no attention from your committee or any further action by this R. W. Grand Body.

The correspondence of the R. W. Grand Secretary, pursuant to a resolution of this Grand Lodge, with Reps. McLean, of Ohio, and Verner, of Michigan, to whom an excess of mileage had been paid, deserves a passing notice. Answers to the Grand Secretary's communications have been received from these brethren. Bro. McLean insists that he has already refunded to the Grand Lodge all she is entitled to, and, in language more emphatic than elegant, asserting that he does not "owe her a dime." If this brother had here concluded his remarks he might have been deemed somewhat excusable by your committee, but they regret to remark that, forgetting his fraternal character and his duty as a worthy Odd-Fellow, and in language which could only have been prompted by violent passion, heaps abusive epithets and makes serious charges against a brother whom he does not name, (but evidently having reference to a high dignitary in the Grand Lodge of Ohio as well as a Representative of this R. W. Grand Lodge,) which if untrue should bring upon him who makes them the contempt of every good Odd-Fellow, and if true he is lacking in duty that he does not substantiate them before the proper tribunal of the Order, that it may be purged from one so unworthy to hold membership therein. Rep. Verner, in a manner highly characteristic of that worthy brother, to whom the brethren of Michigan are so much indebted for the permanency and prosperity of the Order in that State, most cheerfully complies with the request of this R. W. Grand Body, and will willingly refund any amount which the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem shall find to have been overpaid him. It is due to this worthy brother to state that the amount paid to him was made up by said committee from the actual distance he travelled in coming to this Grand Lodge, and without solicitation on his part.

The correspondence from the various Grand Lodges subordinate to this R. W. Grand Body demonstrates the fact that the Order has passed

through a year of unexampled pecuniary embarrassment, and that many of these Grand Lodges have found it extremely difficult to meet the demands of this R. W. Grand Body upon them. Happily, however, it also demonstrates that there are many stout hearts and strong hands scattered throughout our widely-extended jurisdiction, whose courage, activity, and faithfulness are worthy of all praise, and who, by many personal sacrifices, have sustained the credit and advanced the interests of their several jurisdictions.

The progress of our beloved Order is still onward and upward. Two new Grand Lodges have been established since our last communication, and are now represented in this R. W. Grand Body. Kansas and Nebraska have both raised our glorious banner and spread its bright folds to the Western breeze, with the prospect of filling a wide field of usefulness in these infant Territories.

The sifting of the wheat from the chaff continues in many of the older jurisdictions, and your committee cannot but regard this fact as a purification of the Order from many bad men who should not have been permitted to enter our fold, and who never would have done so only from motives of curiosity or pecuniary advantage. Those that are left, and who struggle on manfully against pecuniary embarrassment and the treachery of false friends, are those who will endure to the end, and to such is given the promise of a bountiful reward. They delight in the friendly offices of the Order, practising charity and love towards all men, and exemplifying their professions by ministering to the poor, the sick, and the distressed, wherever they are found.

While your committee have been compelled to notice the decrease of membership in the older jurisdictions, they point with pride to the energy and progressive action of most of the new jurisdictions, especially in the far West and on the Pacific Coast. Their growth and prosperity have been unexampled in the history of the Order. Your committee, however, feel it their duty to raise a warning voice to these young jurisdictions, and to give them the advice which we have gained from experience, that they should be extremely guarded and cautious who they admit to the privileges of Odd-Fellowship. Let none but the good, the pure, and the worthy citizen enter our sacred fold, and studiously avoid those whose minds are absorbed with selfish schemes, and who hold no communion but with their gold, which they blindly worship, leaving the poor to go unalmed, and sacrificing all the sweeter sympathies of life to its sordid shrine. With such our Order should hold no fellowship, because they cannot appreciate the high character with which the worthy Odd-Fellow should be endowed.

Your committee, without intending to raise invidious distinctions, would respectfully make honorable mention of the zeal and integrity of Deputy District Grand Sire John B. Grason, of the jurisdiction of New Mexico.

D. GILMORE,
WILLIAM CRUTCHER,
D. WILKINSON,
CHAS. G. McAULEY.

The following proposed amendment to the Constitution was laid on the table:

By Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, seconded by Rep. McKinstry, of Alabama, and Rep. Philo White, of California:

Amend article fourteen by adding the following section:

"SECTION 5. Whenever at the close of any fiscal year the amount derived from the source of revenue mentioned in the preceding sections of this article shall be insufficient to pay the liabilities of the fiscal year, it shall be lawful for this Grand Lodge to levy a capitation tax on the whole membership of the Order, or a specific tax on each Grand Body, at its pleasure, sufficient in amount to pay such deficiency."

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of the minority of the Grand Lodge of Maryland from the action of that Grand Lodge in the case of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, respectfully report: That in this case Franklin Lodge had adopted certain amendments to her By-Laws, among which was the following proviso to section eighth, article nineteenth, being the section providing for the payment of funeral benefits to the family of a deceased brother: "*Nevertheless the foregoing shall not preclude a brother from devising what may be due in such a manner or to any other parties that he may think proper, with the approval of the Lodge,*" which was submitted to the Grand Lodge of Maryland for its approval. The Grand Lodge, first by its Committee on By-Laws and afterward by a direct vote, refused to approve the amendment; from which action an appeal is brought here by a minority of the Grand Lodge, and not by Franklin Lodge itself.

Your committee are of opinion that the Grand Lodge did no more than perform a sacred duty when it interposed its authority to preserve the Order under its jurisdiction from the strong tendency which has of late exhibited itself to convert this brotherhood into a mere insurance society.

The great object of a funeral benefit in the Order is to extend immediate aid to the family of a deceased brother at a time and under circumstances which, more than at any other time or condition of things, requires support and sympathy. The right of property to the funeral benefits is in the family of the deceased, and not in the brother. It does not begin to exist until after his death; and therefore no disposition of such a benefit can be made by him in his lifetime.

The amendment suggests the idea that the benefit would become property, and as such subject to alienation. It would, of course, in the event of death, without such alienation, form a part of his estate, and be a subject of administration, and thus by possibility pass as assets for the payment of debts, and, if the brother were unfortunately insolvent, the whole object of the law would be defeated—strangers becoming the recipients of a gratuity designed by the principles of our

Order exclusively for the relief and advantage of a brother's family. The provision embodied in the clause subjecting the testamentary disposition to the approval of the Lodge would be found of little worth before a court, called upon to determine the question of its liability for debt. If transferable or capable of becoming the property of a person outside of the family by alienation, it is necessarily subject to the claim of the creditors of the deceased brother.

With these views, your committee recommend that the decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland be sustained.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
WILLIAM THAYER,
WM. P. TAYLOR,
GEO. W. ADAMS,
HENRY E. LOCKETT.

The following proposed amendment to the Constitution was laid on the table:

By Rep. Askew, of Delaware, seconded by Rep. Stuart, of District Columbia, Rep. Rich, of District Columbia, and Rep. Pope, of Iowa:

"Amend article fourteen of the Constitution, as amended on page 2761 Journal, by striking out 'seventy-five' and inserting 'fifty.'"

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the Constitution, as amended, of the Grand Encampment of California, and would recommend its approval.

E. C. ROBINSON,
ASA B. CLARK,
F. M. FOSTER,
DEWITT C. LANGDON.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge hold a session this evening at seven o'clock.

Rep. White, of California, moved to amend as follows:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will hold a session this evening, commencing at half past seven o'clock; and will continue to hold evening sessions for the balance of this term, commencing at that hour.

Rep. Green, of Wisconsin, moved further to amend by striking out "7½" and inserting "7."

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Green, of Wisconsin, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. White, of California, as amended by the motion of Rep. Green, of Wisconsin, it was adopted.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, as amended, it was adopted.

Rep. White, of California, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of preparing for adoption by this Grand Lodge a "Book Form," to contain, for the use of Subordinate Lodges, a series of odes, with a view that the Subordinates may be allowed the option respectively of using such of them as may best suit their tastes, and report as early as practicable to this Grand Lodge.

Rep. May, of Oregon, moved to amend as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to report a new form of "odes," with appropiate music.

On motion of Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, the whole subject was laid on the table.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals have had under consideration the appeal of J. P. Prescott and others against the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, by which action the said Grand Lodge revoked the charter of the Degree Lodge at Memphis without charge being made against the Lodge; in fact, for no other reason, as appears from the document before your committee, than that it was the only one in the State. Degree Lodges were chartered, under the laws of Tennessee, under the same qualifications as Subordinate Lodges, and the charters could not be recalled except for sufficient cause and after trial. In this case no charge was made, no trial granted, and, withal, the requisite number of members signified their desire to retain the charter. To deprive a Subordinate of its charter without a trial is certainly an act of injustice and contrary to the spirit and usage of the Order, and your committee are clearly of opinion that the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, in revoking the charter of the Degree Lodge at Memphis, was illegal, and should be rescinded, and recommend that the appeal be sustained.

WILLIAM THAYER,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
WM. P. TAYLOR,
GEO. W. ADAMS,
HENRY E. LOCKETT.

Rep. Hodgson, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing respectfully report that they have had the matter of the printing of the Journal of the present session of this R. W. Grand Body before them, and find that the proposal of P. G. Rep. James Young, of Maryland, is the only one received at the office of the R. W. Grand Secretary.

The Committee having examined said proposal, and finding it satisfactory, have concluded a contract with Bro. Young for the printing. The contract and necessary papers and samples are now in the hands of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

JOHN W. HODGSON,
ALEX. E. GLENN,
STILMAN S. DAVIS,
RICHARD MARLEY,
THOMAS H. SHIELDS.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of Diondahoo Encampment, No. 12, jurisdiction of Northern New York, asking that leave be granted them to initiate and confer the Encampment degrees on scarlet degree members residing in the State of Vermont and nearer this Encampment than any one in the State of Vermont, report that they have informed themselves on the location and relative position of the Encampments in the two respective jurisdictions, and are satisfied that the prayer of the petitioners, if granted, will materially advance the interest of the Patriarchal branch of the Order in the State of Vermont. They therefore recommend the adoption of the subjoined resolution:

Resolved, That Diondahoo Encampment, No. 12, of Northern New York, be allowed to initiate and confer the Encampment degrees upon scarlet degree members, in good standing, residing in the jurisdiction of Vermont, and nearer to this Encampment than any Encampment in Vermont.

E. D. FARNSWORTH,
WILLIAM I. CORNWELL,
JOSEPH KIDDER,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
R. A. CALDWELL.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of G. H. Nixon and others for a charter of a Lodge to be hailed Brownsville Lodge, No. 5, Nebraska Territory, find the papers informal; but after consulting the executive officers, they find that a formal petition has been received and dispensation granted. They therefore recommend a concurrence in the action of the executive, and that a charter be duly issued.

E. D. FARNSWORTH,
WILLIAM I. CORNWELL,
R. A. CALDWELL,
JOSEPH KIDDER,
ALEXANDER McKINSTRY.

Rep. Adams, of Georgia, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Moahala Lodge, No. 144, against the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, respectfully report that said appeal does not come before your committee in proper form, not having the sanction of the Grand Lodge, or being printed, as required by the laws of this body.

GEO. W. ADAMS,
WILLIAM THAYER,
WM. P. TAYLOR,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
HENRY E. LOCKETT.

The hour of 3½ o'clock having arrived, the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge adjourned until 7 o'clock this evening, pursuant to the order to that effect.

THURSDAY EVENING—7 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: Geo. W. Race, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia, submitted the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS, on the 26th of April, 1859, forty years will have elapsed since the organization of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows upon this continent; and whereas that beloved Order, which we cherish as among the best agents which have been vouchsafed to man for the amelioration of the condition of his race, has received the most signal manifestations of the protecting care and guardianship of an Allwise Providence, testified by the extraordinary success which has accompanied its mission wherever established; and whereas it is the just duty of hearts grateful for the Divine approbation of the great cause of humanity in which we are engaged to acknowledge the fostering care and love with which our beloved Order has been so bountifully blessed Therefore, be it

Resolved, That the 26th day of April, 1859, be and is hereby set apart by the Grand Lodge of the United States to be observed by the entire membership under its jurisdiction as a day of thanksgiving to Divine Providence for the unexampled prosperity which has attended the Order since its organization on the American continent.

Resolved, That on that day, at the city of ....., it be and is hereby recommended to all the membership of the Order to assemble under appropriate State organizations, in furtherance of this object, for the purpose of celebrating the day with such becoming ceremonies as may be deemed suitable to the occasion.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire appoint a committee of nine members of this Grand Lodge, who shall be charged with all the details of this subject.

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, the preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

By general consent, the vote just had adopting the foregoing preamble and resolutions was reconsidered, and the same were referred to a select committee of nine.

The Chair named the following as the said special committee: Reps. Stuart, of District Columbia; Brewster, of California; Whitaker, of New Jersey; Hemingray, of Kansas; Cook, of Nebraska; Escavaille, of Maryland; Harvey, of Indiana; Farnsworth, of Tennessee; Mason, of Kentucky.

On motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, the Lodge agreed to consider the reports of Standing Committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The first report, (page 2894,) upon the subject of the mergement of the Subordinate Lodge and Encampment work, from the special committee on that subject, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Green, of Wisconsin, the report was concurred in.

The next report, (page 2909,) from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, touching "taking the testimony of non-resident witnesses," was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2910,) from the same committee, on the petition of Diandahoo Encampment, No. 2, of Vermont, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (same page,) from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. I. Robinson, of Virginia, upon the subject of membership in defunct Encampments, was considered.

Rep. Brewster, of California, moved to amend the resolution by inserting in the third line, after the words "against him," the words "he being otherwise in good standing."

Rep. Wilcox, of Tennessee, moved further to amend as follows: "and surrendered its charter and such effects as it may have to the proper authority."

On motion of Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, the report and pending amendments to the resolution accompanying it, were recommitted to the Legislative Committee, with instructions to report that the subject matter is one for local legislation.

The next reports, being from the majority and minority of the same committee, (pages 2911–12,) on the resolutions from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina on the subject of the terms of Subordinate Lodges, were considered together.

Rep. Johnson, of California, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the minority report be concurred in, and the resolution accompanying be adopted.

Rep. Green, of Wisconsin, moved to amend the motion of Rep. Johnson, of California, by striking out all after the word "Resolved," and inserting the following: "That the majority report be concurred in, and the resolution accompanying be adopted," which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the resolution as amended, it was adopted.

The next reports, (pages 2912–13,) being from the majority and minority of the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. Green, of Wisconsin, relative to the expediency of permitting Encampment members to retain membership in that branch after having honorably withdrawn from the Subordinate Lodge, were considered together.

Rep. Shields, of Louisiana, moved to concur in the majority report and adopt the resolution accompanying it, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, (page 2913,) being the report from the Committee on Petitions, on the organization of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2914,) from the same committee, on the organization of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (same page,) from the same committee, on the petition for an Encampment charter at Marianna, Florida, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (same page,) from the same committee, on the application to remove the Encampment at Middleburg to Burlington, Vermont, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2915,) being from the Committee on Returns, on the returns of Grand Encampments, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2916,) from the same committee, on the returns of Grand Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (same page,) from the same committee, on the returns of Subordinate Encampments, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2918,) from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of Mount Airy Lodge, No. 235, of Pennsylvania, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2919,) from the same committee, on the appeal of DeKalb Lodge, No. 9, of Georgia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2923,) from the Committee on the State of the Order, upon the subject of submitting amendments to the Constitutions of State Grand Bodies for approval, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (same page,) from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. Stuart, on page 2885, upon the right of Subordinate Lodges to examine visitors, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, was referred to the consideration of the Lodge in secret session.

The next report, (page 2924,) from the same committee, on the subject of the power of a State Grand Lodge to authorize the change of name of a member admitted under a fictitious name, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (same page,) from the same committee, on the inquiry from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, touching the power of that body to assess its membership, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2925,) from the same committee, on the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire during the recess, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2926,) being from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of Grand Secretary Samuel Willard and others, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2927,) from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the thirteenth decision of M. W. Grand Sire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2928,) from the Legislative Committee, on the proposition of the Grand Lodge of Georgia to abolish the wearing of aprons, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (same page,) being from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of P. G's Syndall and Sterling, of Southwark Lodge, No. 146, of Pennsylvania, was considered.

Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, moved to recommit the report to the committee with instructions to reverse the decision of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, (page 2929,) being from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. White, of California, concerning blank cards for the degree of the Daughters of Rebekah, was considered.

Rep. Green, of Wisconsin, moved to amend the report of the committee by striking out the word "inexpedient," and inserting the word "expedient," which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on concurring in the report of the committee, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, moved that this Grand Lodge adjourn *sine die* on to-morrow, which was adopted.

Rep. Lints, of Pennsylvania, submitted the following proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which were referred to the select committee on that subject:

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY OF R. W. G. L. OF PA.,
Philadelphia, September 6, 1858.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

SIRS AND BROTHERS: At a special session of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, I. O. O. F., held September 6, 1858, the following among other proceedings were had, viz:

Rep. Simpson, from the committee upon that subject, presented the following, which was read, and the resolutions were adopted. The preamble was then adopted, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Pennsylvania:

We, your committee, appointed to draught resolutions expressive of the sense of this Grand Lodge in the loss of Past Grand Sire Hopkins, beg leave to offer the following:

WHEREAS, by a dispensation of Divine Providence, our late friend and brother, PAST GRAND SIRE HOWELL HOPKINS, of Friendship Lodge, No. 23, who for many years has been one of the bright and shining lights of our beloved Order; who, by the free and unsolicited suffrages of his brethren and peers, was called to preside over the deliberations of this Grand Lodge in its infancy, and was afterwards called to sustain the dignity of Grand Sire at a time when the Order was in the highest degree prosperous; and whereas it is meet and proper that while we bow with submission to the stroke that has severed the tie that so long bound us to our brother, that we should also express our condolence with those who have been bereaved by the same fell stroke. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we most deeply deplore the loss which the Order and this Grand Lodge has sustained in the removal of our brother, P. G. Sire Hopkins, from our midst, trusting that our loss is his gain; and that while we remain here below in our Earthly Lodges that he has been admitted by the Supreme Grand Master to that Heavenly Lodge, eternal in the Heavens.

Resolved, That we condole with the friends and relatives of our deceased brother in the irreparable loss they have sustained in this dispensation.

Resolved, That the emblems and regalia of this Grand Lodge be clothed in mourning for the space of one year, in memory of our deceased brother.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the relatives of the deceased, to Friendship Lodge, No. 23, and to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

Respectfully submitted, in F., L. and T.

J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON,
JAMES B. NICHOLSON,
SMITH SKINNER.

WM. CURTIS, *Grand Secretary.*

Rep. Tucker, of Massachusetts, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to which was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Sire's communication as refers to the death of P. G. Rep. William A. Bell, respectfully offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge have heard with sorrow of the death of P. G. Rep. William A. Bell, of Massachusetts.

Resolved, That with gratitude we remember his services, lament his loss, and sympathise with his family in their affliction.

E. H. TUCKER,
CALEB RAND,
CHAS. E. BUCKINGHAM,
ALEX. E. GLENN,
L. B. HILLS.

The following amendment to the Constitution was laid on the table:

By Rep. Conley, of Georgia, seconded by Rep. Cornwell, of Northern New York, Rep. Clayton, of Southern New York, and Rep. Langdon, of Southern New York:

Amend article one, section five of the Constitution by striking out the word "unanimous" and the words "four-fifths," in said article, and inserting in both cases the words "three-fifths."

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Rep. T. N. Blake from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, respectfully report:

That under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana provision is made for taking the vote in that body by Lodges, under certain contingencies, and that "whenever a vote shall be so taken, each Subordinate, in good standing, shall be entitled to as many votes as it can send Representatives under section one." The section referred to allows to each Lodge one vote, and one vote additional for every fifty members the Lodge has on its books.

The Grand Lodge being about to vote under a demand for a vote by Lodges, the question was raised as to the number of votes that could be counted for a Lodge when its members present were divided in opi-

nion on the pending question. The Chair decided that in all cases where the Representatives present of a Lodge are unaminous in their vote, the entire vote of the Lodge shall be counted; but when the Representatives are divided in their vote, the votes only of the Representatives present could be counted. An appeal was taken from this decision to the Grand Lodge, and the decision sustained.

In the opinion of your committee the language of the section above quoted does not justify the action had. The Constitution of that Grand Lodge very plainly awards to each subordinate, when voting by Lodges, as many votes as it can send Representatives to the Grand Lodge; and, in so expressing it, no limitation or qualification in the number of Representatives present are intimated, nor can they be inferred: thus leaving any number of the Representatives of the Lodge who may be present to cast the entire vote to which the Lodge may be entitled, the majority of those present determining what the vote of the Lodge shall be.

Your committee therefore recommend that the decision of the Grand Lodge in this case be reversed.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
GEORGE W. ADAMS,
WILLIAM THAYER,
WM. P. TAYLOR,
HENRY E. LOCKETT.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the resolution of Rep. Johnson, of California, on page 2902 Journal, in reference to the Grand Lodge of the United States "empowering the Grand Encampment of California to receive into its jurisdiction all Subordinate Encampments now in existence situated on the Pacific coast and the Islands thereof, provided said Encampments consent thereto," respectfully report that the seventh section of the first article of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge provides "that to this Grand Lodge belongs the immediate jurisdiction over all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments in such countries, domestic and foreign, as are without Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments." The committee, therefore, do not believe that such power could be granted as is asked for in the resolution without a change of the Constitution.

H. F. ASKEW,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
S. CRAIGHEAD,
T. N. BLAKE,
GEORGE W. CASSEDY.

Rep Fitzhugh, of Virginia, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom their report on a resolution of Rep. I. Robinson, of Virginia, and the thirteenth decision of the Grand Sire was recommitted, with instructions to report that the whole subject is appropriate for local legislation, in obedience to instructions submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the granting of withdrawal cards to members of defunct Lodges or Encampments is more appropriately a subject for local legislation.

E. H. FITZHUGH,
J. W. DWINELLE,
W. K. EDWARDS,
W. J. HOKE,
CHARLES E. BUCKINGHAM.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, from the minority of the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, (to be found on page 2900 of the Journal,) which is in these words? "Has a State Grand Lodge, by its Constitution or its By-Laws, a right to restrict the privilege of voting for Grand Officers, in any contingency, to the Representatives of the Subordinate Lodges, and to exclude other Past Grands who have been admitted to membership?" asks leave to report that he is constrained to dissent from the majority of the committee in their exposition of the law bearing on the subject of the inquiry.

The decisions quoted in the report of the majority of the Committee on the State of the Order were made at the sessions of 1854 and 1855, and appear only to reiterate as law the doctrine that a Past Grand in good standing cannot be deprived of his right to vote for Grand Officers.

It cannot be denied that the law is clear that he cannot be *deprived* of such right, but the position is held by the undersigned that at an election of officers, after the *right* has been exercised, a constitutional provision *limiting* this right to *Representatives* of Lodges in Grand Lodges, when such Grand Bodies are composed of Representatives and all other Past Grands, is entirely legal and equitable, and does not infringe upon the *original* right of Past Grands to vote at such elections

At your last annual session sundry amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey were, on the recommendation of the Committee on Constitutions, approved and confirmed. Amongst those amendments is one bearing upon this very question. It is as follows:

ARTICLE III.—*Section* 4. At the second stated meeting in July following, the Past Grands in good standing in each Subordinate Lodge shall, by ballot, vote for such candidates for the several offices of this Grand Lodge as may have

been previously nominated in the manner provided in the foregoing section As soon as the poll in each Lodge is closed, the votes shall be counted, and the result, together with the tally lists and ballots, shall be certified forthwith by the Noble Grand and Secretary to the R. W. Grand Secretary, under seal, to be filed by him unopened, and endorsed "Election returns from ——— Lodge, No. ——, I. O. O. F.;" and no return shall be valid unless all the provisions of this section be compiled with.

Section 5. On the first day of the next annual session of the R. W. Grand Lodge the M. W. Grand Master shall appoint a judge, teller and clerk, to whom shall be delivered the various election returns received from the Lodges, who shall open and count the same. No vote shall be valid or recorded as a part of the poll unless it be for a regularly nominated candidate. The candidate having received a majority of the whole number of votes given for each several office shall be declared by the M. W. Grand Master duly elected. In case of a tie vote, or no election for any office, the Representatives in the Grand Lodge shall proceed to elect forthwith, confining their ballots to the candidates so having received an equal number of votes in the Subordinate Lodges, or, in case there be no regular nominee for any office, they may elect any duly qualified Past Grand.

It will be observed that this Grand Lodge has, in the case quoted, conceded to Grand Bodies *in a certain contingency* the right to *restrict* to the *Representatives* of Subordinate Lodges the privilege of voting for Grand Officers.

GEO. W. CASSEDY.

Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, submitted the following communication, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

At the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States the contract for furnishing the paper and printing the Revised Journal of Proceedings was awarded to the undersigned. The published proposals being silent as to the time of payment, the bid was made under the impression that the bill would be paid when the work was finished and delivered, as had been the previous invariable custom. The Grand Lodge instructed the R. W. Grand Treasurer to borrow the money necessary to pay for the printing, &c. on the faith of its credit, but, notwithstanding that indefatigable officer made the effort, he was unable to do so on account of the financial crisis, and the bill was not finally paid until June—having been paid in instalments. The undersigned, believing that he is entitled to the amount of interest the Grand Treasurer would have been compelled to pay had he obtained the loan from bank, respectfully submits the subject to the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

JAMES YOUNG.

BALTIMORE, September 23, 1858.

Rep. Terry, of Minnesota, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, made the following report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented with much pleasure report that Representatives are present from every Grand Body under the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge, with the exception of the Grand Encampment of North Carolina and Grand Encampment of Michigan; and that all the members of this R. W. Grand

Lodge are present but six, viz: From Pennsylvania, one; Michigan, one; Iowa, one; Georgia, one; Texas, one; North Carolina, one.

JOHN C. TERRY,
E. H. TUCKER, Jr.
JOHN POPE,
C. YALE,
J. J. T. WILSON.

Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, submitted the following amendment to the twenty-sixth article of the By-Laws:

Strike out the entire article and insert the following: "The fiscal year of this Grand Lodge shall commence on the first day of January and terminate on the thirty-first day of December."

On motion, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

Friday, September 24—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

GEORGE W. RACE.....M. W. Grand Sire.
BENJAMIN CONLEY.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
CALEB RAND.....R. W. Grand Chaplain, *p. t.*
S. H. LEWYT.....W. Grand Guardian.
J. E. CHAMBERLAIN.....W. Grand Messenger.

And a representation from every Grand Jurisdiction in the Order.

Prayer by Bro. Caleb Rand, R. W. Grand Chaplain, *p. t.*

On motion of Rep. Kellogg, of Wisconsin, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Shinkle, of Kentucky, moved that no member shall have the privilege of speaking more than five minutes on any question before the Lodge this day, which was adopted

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved to suspend the rule for the purpose of considering the report from the Committee on the State of the Order, (page 2945,) being a report for reference to the appropriate committee, which was agreed to and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved the following resolutions, which were resolved in the affirmative:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire and the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary be requested to have the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order of this Grand Lodge, as they have been amended up to the termination of this session, inserted at the conclusion of the corrected proceedings.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary be also requested to collect the various amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order, which may have been presented at this session, and place them in regular order at the conclusion of the corrected proceedings; it being understood that these memoranda shall not be published in the bound volume.

On motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, the Lodge agreed to con-

sider the reports of Standing Committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The first report, (on page 2940 Journal,) being from the Committee on Finance, on the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (on page 2941,) from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (same page,) from the same committee, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire and the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (same page,) from the same committee, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2942,) from the same committee, on the inquiry of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces touching the term of service of a Grand Representative, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (same page,) from the same committee, on the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Kansas and of the Grand Encampments of Tennessee and Missouri, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, (same page,) on the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, and also of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2943,) from the Committee on Returns, on the returns of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (same page,) being from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, in relation to the terms of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2944,) from the Committee on Petitions, on a petition for a Subordinate Lodge at Lawrence, Kansas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, (on same page,) on the petition of Sumumduwat Lodge, No. 3, of Kansas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (same page,) from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2945,) from the Committee on Unfinished Business of the last session, was considered, and, on motion of Rep. Harvey, of Indiana, the report was accepted and the committee discharged.

On motion of Rep. Wilcox, of Tennessee, the Lodge agreed to consider, *seriatim*, the subjects reported as unfinished business.

The first subject, viz. that of public installations, was considered.

Rep. Rand, of Massachusetts, moved to refer the subject to the Legislative Committee, with instructions to report a law to authorize public installations.

Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, moved to amend by instructing the committee to consider the expediency of the subject, and if found to be expedient, to report a proper form.

Rep. Barnes, of Tennessee, moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, it was resolved in the negative.

The question being now on the amendment of Rep. Rand, of Massachusetts, he asked and obtained leave to withdraw the same.

Kep. Shinkle, of Kentucky, moved that the Lodge adopt the minority report of the Legislative Committee on the subject of public installations, to be found on page 2806 Journal of last session.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved indefinitely to postpone the whole subject, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Shinkle, of Kentucky, to adopt the minority report of the Legislative Committee, (page 2806 of Journal of 1857)—

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, moved to amend as follows:

"Provided that the ceremony be conducted by one or more of the Elective Officers of such Grand Body."

Rep. Hills, of Wisconsin, moved further to amend as follows: "Provided they pursue the form prescribed by this Grand Lodge."

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Hills, of Wisconsin, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, as amended—

Rep. Danenhower, of Illinois, moved to amend the same, as follows, which was agreed to:

Add at the end "or District Deputy Grand Master."

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, as amended—

Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, moved indefinitely to postpone the whole subject.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, as amended by the motions of Rep. Hills, of Wisconsin, and Rep. Danenhower, of Illinois?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being now on the resolution of Rep. Shinkle, of Kentucky, to adopt the minority report of the Legislative Committee, (page 2806,) as amended by the motions of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, Rep. Hills, of Wisconsin, and Rep. Danenhower, of Illinois, it was resolved in the affirmative, in the form following:

Resolved, That the several Grand Bodies in this jurisdiction be and are hereby authorized to confer upon their Subordinates the right to install their officers in public; provided that the ceremony be conducted by one or more of the Elective Officers of such Grand Body or a District Deputy Grand Master, and provided that they use the form prescribed by this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Young, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the resolution just adopted to authorize the Grand Bodies in this jurisdiction to confer upon their subordinates the right to install their officers in public shall not go into effect until this Grand Body shall have adopted a new form of installation for such purpose.

Rep. Hoke, of North Carolina, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgely, G. Reps. Stuart and J. Hodgson be a committee to prepare a form for public installation, and that this Grand Lodge adopt any form that the committee may unanimously agree upon; and that when prepared general notice be given through the several Grand Secretaries and Scribes, and that it be published in pamphlet form.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved to amend by striking out all that part of the resolution which contemplates the publication and distribution of the form of installation, and to insert "that the said committee report at the next session," which was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, moved to strike out the names of the committee mentioned in the resolution, and to insert the names of the newly elected Grand Officers, which was adopted.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Hoke, of North Carolina, as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next subject reported by the Committee on Unfinished Business, being the reports of the Committee on the State of the Order on the Polynesian race—

On motion of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, the subject was laid on the table.

The third subject, relative to the appeal of W. R. Craig, of Nebraska Lodge, No. 1, was considered, and—

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, was indefinitely postponed.

The next subject, touching one Lodge visiting another in a body, was considered and ordered to be laid on the table.

The next subject, being the amendment proposed by Rep. Glenn, of Ohio, to the twenty-sixth article of the By-Laws, was considered, and,

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, was indefinitely postponed.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the reports of the Standing Committees.

The next report, (on page 2945,) from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2946,) being from the Committee on Finance, on the estimates and expenditures for the current year, and the several amendments proposed thereto, (on page 2947,) was considered.

The pending question being on the amendment of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, he asked and obtained leave to withdraw the same.

Rep. Green, of Wisconsin, moved to amend as follows:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to negotiate a temporary loan, to the credit of the Grand Lodge, for such sum as the immediate wants of the treasury may require, and the Grand Officers be directed to execute the note of this Grand Lodge for that purpose;

which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, as amended by the resolution of Rep. Green, of Wisconsin, it was adopted.

The question recurring on the report of the Committee on Finance and accompanying resolutions, as amended—

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, moved to amend the report by striking out the provision for a diploma plate for Representatives, and striking out the estimate for two thousand dollars and inserting one thousand dollars.

Rep. Cornwell, of Northern New York, asked a division of the question, and the question being on striking out the word "Representatives," it was adopted.

The question now being on striking out $2,000, it was agreed to.

The question now being on inserting $1,000, Rep. Cornwell, of Northern New York, moved to insert $1,500, which was agreed to.

Rep. Shields, of Louisiana, moved to amend the report and resolutions of the committee accompanying, so as to conform in all respects to the action already had, which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the report and accompanying resolutions as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, (page 2948,) from the special committee on the subject of the admission of the Polynesian race into the Order, and also the resolution of Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, touching the admission of Chinese into the Order, (page 2915,) was considered.

Rep. Hemingray, of Kansas, moved to concur in the report and to adopt the resolutions accompanying it.

Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia, moved to postpone the consideration of the subject until 7 o'clock this evening.

The question being on the resolution to postpone, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion to concur in the report and adopt the resolutions accompanying it—

Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia, moved to amend the resolution accompanying the report by striking out all after the word "resolved" and inserting the following:

WHEREAS this Grand Lodge has so construed its own law in reference to the qualification of persons admissible to membership into the Order as to admit Chinese; and whereas in so doing it but gave utterance to a great principle of our Order, which declares in effect that our field for usefulness is not confined to the narrow limits of a single continent, nor to any particular and peculiar class of men among the various imaginary divisions of our race; and whereas an earnest appeal has been made to the Grand Lodge to admit the Polynesians to membership in our Order, on the ground that although understood to have sprung from a different race from that from which we claim to have originated, they are, nevertheless, endowed with all the physical, intellectual and moral qualities which should entitle them to a position as a nation among the most enlightened people of the world.

Resolved, That there is no objection to receiving into our Order natives of the Sandwich Islands who believe in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe.

The question being on the motion of Rep. Hemingray, of Kansas, to

concur in the report of the special committee and adopt the resolutions accompanying it—

Rep. Cornwell, of Northern New York, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Hemingray, of Kansas, to concur in the report and adopt the resolutions accompanying it, was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, asked and obtained leave of absence for Rep. Cornwell, of Northern New York, from and after 3½ o'clock to-day.

The next report, being the majority report from the Committee on the State of the Order, (page 2953,) on the inquiry of Rep. Lints, of Pennsylvania, in relation to the right of Past Grands in voting in Grand Lodges, and of Grand Lodges to authorize scarlet members to vote for Grand Officers, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, the minority report from the same committee, (page 2967,) was also considered together with the majority report.

Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That so much of the report of the majority as would deprive State jurisdictions from making such constitutional regulations as would limit the choice of Grand Officers to Representatives in such jurisdictions as are Representative bodies, *after* every Past Grand has first had an opportunity of voting, (provided such regulations have received the approval of this Grand Lodge,) be not concurred in, and that the minority report be adopted.

Pending the consideration of this resolution, the Lodge (12½ o'clock having arrived) receded from business for thirty minutes.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

By general consent, the following proposed amendments to the constitution were laid on the table:

By Rep. Askew, of Delaware, seconded by Rep. Rich, of District Columbia, Rep. Stuart, of District Columbia, Rep. Yale, of Canada West, Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, Rep. Blake, of Louisiana, and Rep. Shields, of Louisiana:

Amend the Constitution by striking out and inserting as follows:

ARTICLE 1, section 3.—Strike out "and Grand Encampment" wherever it occurs. In the tenth line strike out "bodies" and insert *Lodges*.

Section 4.—Strike out "or Grand Encampments" wherever it occurs.

Section 9.—Strike out "bodies" in the last line and insert *Lodges*.

ARTICLE 2.—In the fifth line strike out "and Grand Encampments."

ARTICLE 4.—Strike out "Grand Encampment and Grand Patriarch" wherever they occur. Also, strike out "bodies" and insert *Lodges*.

ARTICLE 6.—In the ninth line after the word "Grand" insert *Lodges*.

ARTICLE 9.—Strike out "Grand Encampments" wherever it occurs. Strike out "body" and insert *Lodge*.

ARTICLE 12.—Strike out "and Grand Encampments" in the seventh line.

ARTICLE 13, section 1.—Strike out "bodies" in the second line and insert *Lodges*.

ARTICLE 14, section 1.—Strike out "or Encampments" in the first line.

Section 2, line 1.—Strike out "and Encampments."

ARTICLE 15, section 1, second line.—Strike out "and Grand Encampment degrees" and insert *degrees*.

ARTICLE 16, section 3.—Strike out "or Grand Encampment" after the word "Lodge" in the fourth line. Same section, fifth line, after the word "Master" strike out the words "or Grand Patriarch."

By general consent, Rep. J. H. Robinson, of Virginia, submitted the following paper, and obtained leave to have the same spread upon the Journal:

The undersigned, Representative from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, asks the privilege of placing upon the Journal the following statement:

It appears from the report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem of the last session that the undersigned received ten dollars more than he was entitled to, growing out of a mistake in the addition of the two items of mileage and per diem.

The undersigned states that the check of the Grand Treasurer for his pay was obtained by Rep. Hodgson, of District of Columbia, and he has no recollection of having seen it at all. Rep. Hodgson not only obtained the check, but with that kindness for which he is so remarkable, drew the money from bank and handed it to the undersigned in his seat. The undersigned was therefore not aware of any mistake until he received the corrected Journal some time after his return home. The money has been returned to the Grand Treasurer.

J. H. ROBINSON, of Virginia.

The Lodge now resumed the consideration of the question pending at the time for recess, viz: the majority and minority reports of the Committee on the State of the Order on the inquiry of Rep. Lints, of Pennsylvania, touching the right of Grand Lodges to restrict the right of Past Grands to vote in Grand Lodge for Grand Officers, and the power of such Grand Bodies to provide by law for authorizing scarlet members to vote for Grand Officers, and the resolution of Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, as follows:

Resolved, That so much of the report of the majority as would deprive State jurisdictions from making such constitutional regulations as would limit the choice of Grand Officers to Representatives in such jurisdictions as are Representative bodies, *after* every Past Grand has first had an opportunity of voting, (provided such regulations have received the approval of this Grand Lodge,) be not concurred in, and that the minority report be adopted.

The question being on the resolution of Rep. Tucker, of New Jersey, it was agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the minority report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, asked and obtained leave of absence after to-day, for Rep. Phelps, of Connecticut.

Also, Rep. Armstrong, of Illinois, for Rep. Danenhower, of Illinois

Also, Rep. Peers, of Missouri, for Rep. Veitch, of Missouri.

Also, Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, for Rep. Clark, of Florida.

Also, Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, for Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina.

The next report, (page 2953,) from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the inquiry of Rep. Armstrong, whether a brother holding an expired withdrawal card is competent to be a petitioner for a new Lodge, was considered and adopted.

By general consent, Rep. Armstrong, of Illinois, moved the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS it appears from the report of the Committee on the State of the Order that the strict construction of the present laws of the Order on the subject of petitions for a dispensation to open a new Lodge are such as to embarrass the growth of the Order in many of the local jurisdictions of this Grand Lodge; therefore,

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of further legislation on that subject, so as to enable ancient Odd-Fellows. under judicious restrictions, to become competent petitioners for a dispensation to open a new lodge.

The next report, (page 2954,) from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the inquiry from the Grand Encampment of California, on the subject of membership by card, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (same page,) from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Committee on Correspondence, (page 2955,) was considered and adopted.

Rep. Hunt, of Texas, by unanimous consent, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, with accompanying resolution. The report was concurred in, and the resolution accompanying it was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Per Diem and Mileage ask leave to present the annexed tabular statement of the distance travelled by the Representatives to attend the present session of this Grand Lodge, with the amount of mileage and daily pay to which each Representative is entitled under the resolution adopted by this Grand Body at its present session, and ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amount of Mileage and Per Diem as set forth in the accompanying tabular statement is hereby ordered to be paid.

Your committee have also had under consideration the amount due this Grand Lodge from Rep. Benj. Verner, for amount overpaid him the last session, and report that the amount paid him for mileage was $90; and that he was entitled to pay as follows:

From Detroit to Toledo.....	65 miles	
From Toledo to Pittsburgh.....267 miles		
From Pittsburgh to Baltimore....331 miles		
Total.....663 miles	—Amount due	66 30

Balance due from Rep. Verner.....$23 70

Which amount we recommend should be stated by the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary of this Grand Lodge to Bro. Verner, with the request that the same be returned to this Grand Lodge.

E. P. HUNT,
M. HERNDON,
W. C. EARL,
JNO. A. BREWSTER,
CHARLES WOLFORD.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAMES.	PROFESSION.	Town.	State.	Distance from Baltimore.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
GRAND OFFICERS.								
M. W. G. Sire Geo. W. Race	Lawyer	New Orleans	Louisiana	1,448	5	$144 80	$15 00	$159 80
R. W. D. G. Sire Benj. Conley, *p. t.*	Merchant	Augusta	Georgia	707	5	70 70	15 00	85 70
R. W. G. C. & R. S. J. L. Ridgely.	Farmer	Baltimore Co.	Maryland	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
R. W. G. Treas. Joshua Vansant.	Hat Manufacturer	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
R. W. G. Marshal A. M. Foute.	Banker	Memphis	Tennessee	1,076	5	107 60	15 00	122 60
R. W. G. Guar. S. H. Lewyt	Jeweller	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	5	.....	15 00	15 00
R. W. G. Mess. J. E. Chamberlain.	Shoe Manufacturer	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	....	.....	.....	.....
REPRESENTATIVES.								
Adams, George W	Supt. Railroad	Macon	Georgia	875	5	87 50	15 00	102 50
Archer, C. C	Druggist	St. Louis	Missouri	928	5	92 80	15 00	107 80
Armstrong, Perry A	County Clerk	Morris	Illinois	888	5	88 80	15 00	103 80
Armington, Henry	Merchant	Providence	Rhode Island	372	5	37 20	15 00	52 20
Askew, Henry F	Physician	Wilmington	Delaware	75	5	7 50	15 00	22 50
Barber, L. K	Lawyer	Woodville	Mississippi	1,473	5	147 30	15 00	162 30
Barnes, A. A	Lawyer	Knoxville	Tennessee	627	5	62 70	15 00	77 70
Barry, A. S	Druggist	Alton	Illinois	938	5	93 80	15 00	108 80
Blake, Thomas N	Merchant	New Orleans	Louisiana	1,448	5	144 80	15 00	159 80
Boylston, R. B	Lawyer	Winnsboro'	S. Carolina	623	5	62 30	15 00	77 30
Brewster, John A	Civil Engineer	Sacramento	California	6,100	5	610 00	15 00	625 00
Buckingham, Charles E	Physician	Boston	Masssachu'ts	408	5	40 80	15 00	55 80
Burnham, E. P	Lawyer	Saco	Maine	506	5	50 60	15 00	65 60
Caldwell, Richard A	Lawyer	Salisbury	N. Carolina	513	5	51 30	15 00	66 30
Cassedy, Geo. W	Lawyer	Jersey City	New Jersey	192	5	19 20	15 00	34 20

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—CONTINUED.

NAMES.	PROFESSION.	Town.	State.	Distance from Baltimore.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
Clark, Asa B.	Merchant	Tallahassee	Florida	1,110	5	$111 00	$15 00	$126 00
Clark, H	Merchant	Poultney	Vermont	424	5	42 40	15 00	57 40
Clayton, John G	Editor	New York	New York	192	5	19 20	15 00	34 20
Clemmer, J. H	Lawyer	Cincinnati	Ohio	592	5	59 20	15 00	74 20
Cook, W. H	Farmer	Bellevue	Nebraska	1,703	3	170 30	9 00	179 30
Cornwell, William I	Lawyer	Weedsport	New York	526	5	52 60	15 00	67 60
Craighead, Samuel	Lawyer	Dayton	Ohio	590	5	59 00	15 00	74 00
Crutcher, Wm	Merchant	Vicksburg	Mississippi	1,326	5	132 60	15 00	147 60
Danenhower, W. W	Lawyer	Chicago	Illinois	828	5	82 80	15 00	97 80
Davis, Stilman S	Clerk	Nashua	N. Hampshi'e	442	5	44 20	15 00	59 20
Dwinelle, J. W	President of Bank	Rochester	New York	594	5	59 40	15 00	74 40
Earl, William C	Editor	Toledo	Ohio	597	3	59 70	9 00	68 70
Edwards, William K	Lawyer	Terre Haute	Indiana	762	5	76 20	15 00	91 20
Ellis, F. A	Lawyer	Elkton	Maryland	51	5	5 10	15 00	20 10
Escavaille, J. B	Grand Secretary	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	5	.....	15 00	15 00
Farnsworth, E. D	Steamboat Inspector	Nashville	Tennessee	927	5	92 70	15 00	107 70
Fitzhugh, E. H	Lawyer	Wheeling	Virginia	379	5	37 90	15 00	52 90
Foster, F. M	Dentist	Jackson	Michigan	664	5	66 40	15 00	81 40
Fuller, E. G	Bookseller	Halifax	Nova Scotia	1,135	4	113 50	12 00	125 50
Garrett, William	Merchant	Burlington	Iowa	1,100	5	110 00	15 00	125 00
Gilmore, Dexter	Lawyer	Utica	New York	437	5	43 70	15 00	58 70
Glenn, Alex. E	Grand Secretary	Columbus	Ohio	512	5	51 20	15 00	66 20
Green, Volney	Merchant	Milwaukie	Wisconsin	913	5	91 30	15 00	106 30
Harvey, J. S	Lawyer	Jefferson	Indiana	723	5	72 30	15 00	87 30

Hemingray, J. C	Banker	Leavenworth	Kansas	1,428	5	$142 80	$15 00	$157 80
Herndon, Milton	Physician	Crawfordsville	Indiana	797	5	79 70	15 00	94 70
Hills, C. B	Banker	Waupun	Wisconsin	978	5	97 80	15 00	112 80
Hodgson, J. W	Mechanic	Washington	Dis. of Col.	40	5	4 00	15 00	19 00
Hoke, William J	Manufacturer	Lincolnton	N. Carolina	614	5	61 40	15 00	76 40
Howe, R. D	Merchant	Vicksburg	Mississippi	1,326	5	132 60	15 00	147 60
Hunt, E. P	Notary Public	Galveston	Texas	1,848	5	184 80	15 00	199 80
Jackson, C. C	Manufacturer	Dirby	Connecticut	275	5	27 50	15 00	42 50
Johnson, T. Rodgers	Grand Secretary	San Francisco	California	5,953	5	595 30	15 00	610 30
Kellogg, J. B	Sec'ry of Insurance Co	Milwaukee	Wisconsin	913	5	91 30	15 00	106 30
Kennedy, John A	Supt. Castle Garden	New York	New York	192	5	19 20	15 00	34 20
Kidder, Joseph	Merchant	Manchester	N.Hampshi'e	458	5	45 80	15 00	60 80
Lane, Minoh T	Magistrate	Detroit	Michigan	663	5	66 30	15 00	81 30
Langdon, DeWitt C	Bank Clerk	New York	New York	192	5	19 20	15 00	34 20
Lints, J. J	Bookseller	Erie	Pennsylvania	566	5	56 60	15 00	71 60
Lockett, Henry E	Planter	Washington	Texas	1,998	5	199 50	15 00	214 80
McAuley, J. G	Dentist	Selma	Alabama	1,105	4	110 50	12 00	122 50
McKinstry, A	Judge	Mobile	Alabama	1,253	5	125 30	15 00	140 30
Marley, Richard	Shoe Manufacturer	Baltimore	Maryland		5		15 00	15 00
Marsh, A. C	Banker	Quincy	Illinois	1,012	5	101 20	15 00	116 20
Mason, W. B	Lawyer	Lancaster	Kentucky	717	5	71 70	15 00	86 70
May, S. E	Clerk	Salem	Oregon	6,970	5	697 00	15 00	712 00
Mitchell, Charles B	Planter	Washington	Arkansas	1,646	5	164 60	15 00	179 60
Mitchell, Edward	Grand Secretary	Charleston	S. Carolina	668	5	66 80	15 00	81 80
Nutter, Charles	Postmaster	Saco	Maine	506	5	50 60	15 00	65 60
Peers, V. C	Merchant	Farmington	Missouri	1,023	5	102 30	15 00	117 30
Phelps, James	Lawyer	Essex	Connecticut	330	5	33 00	15 00	48 00
Pope, John	Land Agent	Maquoketa	Iowa	1,000	5	100 00	15 00	115 00
Rand, Caleb	Printer	Charlestown	Massachu'tts	408	5	40 80	15 00	55 80
Rich, Thomas	Printer	Washington	Dis. of Col	40	5	4 00	15 00	19 00
Richardson, Joseph	Manufacturer	Wilmington	Delaware	75	5	7 50	15 00	22 50
Robinson, E. C	Dentist	Norfolk	Virginia	200	5	20 00	15 00	35 00
Robinson, Israel	Contractor	Martinsburg	Virginia	100	3	10 00	9 00	19 00
Robinson, J. H	Tobacconist	Lynchburg	Virginia	293	5	29 30	15 00	44 30
Rodney, John D	Clerk	Georgetown	Delaware	155	5	15 50	15 00	30 50
Shields, Thomas H	Grand Secretary	New Orleans	Louisiana	1,448	5	144 80	15 00	159 80

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Shinkle, A	Coal Dealer	Covington	Kentucky	593	5	$59 30	$15 00	$74 30
Stetson, H. G	Merchant	New Orleans	Louisiana	1,448	5	144 80	15 00	159 80
Stewart, J. H	Clerk of Court	Delphia	Indiana	742	5	74 20	15 00	89 20
Storer, E. G	Printer	New Haven	Connecticut	266	5	26 60	15 00	41 60
Straw, S. B	Dentist	Bangor	Maine	656	5	65 60	15 00	80 60
Stuart, F. D	Draughtsman	Washington	Dis. of Col	40	5	4 00	15 00	19 00
Tapley, W. R	Clerk	Dover	N. Hampsh'e	476	5	47 60	15 00	62 60
Taylor, Wm. P	Carpenter	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	98	5	9 80	15 00	24 80
Terry, John C	Printer	St. Paul	Minnesota	1,473	5	147 30	15 00	162 30
Thayer, William	Bank Officer	Charleston	S. Carolina	668	5	66 80	15 00	81 80
Tucker, E. H	Railroad Agent	Boston	Massachu'tts	408	5	40 80	15 00	55 80
Tucker, I. M	Lawyer	Newark	New Jersey	184	5	18 40	15 00	33 40
Veitch, Isaac M	Secretary Insurance Co.	St. Louis	Missouri	928	5	92 80	15 00	107 80
Wilson, Joseph J. T	Grand Secretary	Mobile	Alabama	1,253	5	125 30	15 00	140 30
Whitaker, J. S	Physician	Elmer	New Jersey	138	5	12 30	15 00	27 30
White, Philo	Jeweller	San Francisco	California	5,953	5	595 30	15 00	610 30
Wilkinson, D	Merchant	Pawtucket	R. Island	369	5	36 90	15 00	51 90
Wilcox, M. E	Lawyer	Clarksville	Tennessee	977	5	97 70	15 00	112 70
Wolford, C	Artist	Louisville	Kentucky	724	5	72 40	15 00	87 40
Yale, Chauncey	Iron Founder	St. Catharines	Canada West	440	5	44 00	15 00	59 00
Young, William H	Lawyer	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	5	.....	15 00	15 00
Zimmerman, L. C	Builder	Norristown	Pennsylvania	115	5	11 50	15 00	26 50
				90,848	497	$9,084 80	1,491 00	$10,575 80

The next report, from the Committee on Appeals, (page 2957,) on the appeal of the minority of the Grand Lodge of Maryland in the matter of the By-Laws of Franklin Lodge, was considered.

The question being to adopt the report—

Rep. Young, of Maryland, moved that the report be re-committed to the committee with instructions to report a resolution as follows:

That the decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland in the matter of the appeal of the minority of the members of said Grand Lodge in reference to the by-laws of Franklin Lodge, No. 2, be reversed.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. Young, of Maryland?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the report of the Committee on Appeals, it was concurred in.

The next report, (page 2958,) from the Committee on Constitutions on the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2959,) from the Committee on Appeals on the appeal of J. P. Prescott, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, the report was concurred in.

The next report, from the Committee on Printing, (same page,) was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2960,) from the Committee on Petitions, on the petition of Diandahoo Camp, of Northern New York, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, (same page,) on the application for a Lodge at Brownsville, Nebraska, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2961,) from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of Moahala Lodge, No. 144, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2965,) from the special committee to whom was referred the subject of the death of P. G. M. Wm. A. Bell, of Massachusetts, was considered and unanimously adopted, the vote being taken rising.

The next report, (same page,) from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of G. Rep. Blake, of Louisiana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 2966,) from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the resolution of Rep. Johnson, of California, to empower the Grand Encampment of California to receive into its jurisdiction all Subordinate Encampments on the Pacific coast, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Legislative Committee, (page 2967,) on the resolution of Rep. I. Robinson, of Virginia, touching the granting of withdrawal cards to members of defunct Subordinates, was considered and adopted.

The special order, to wit, the consideration of reports in the order in which they appear on the Journal, having been exhausted—

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, when, on his motion, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the "transcript of record of Far West Lodge, No. 1, in the matter of grievance between said Lodge and Hope Lodge, No. 93, of Pennsylvania," respectfully report: That the matter referred is not, in its present stage, a proper subject for the consideration of any committee of the Grand Lodge, nor for the action of the body. It is appropriately a subject for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to act upon, which doubtless it will do on the complaint reaching that body through the intervention of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the papers be returned to Far West Lodge by the R. W. Grand Secretary, with the suggestion that the same be laid before the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, in order that said Grand Lodge may present them to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for such action as may be required in the premises.

J. A. KENNEDY,
GEO. W. ADAMS,
WILLIAM THAYER,
WM. P. TAYLOR,
HENRY E. LOCKETT.

Rep. Lints, of Pennsylvania, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned committee, to whom was referred so much of the reports of the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Secretary as relate to the demise of our late Bro. P. G. Sire Howell Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, as also the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the same subject, beg leave most respectfully to report:

That it is with feelings of more than ordinary delicacy they approach their line of duty on the subject matter before them, knowing their incompetency to do justice to this worthy and venerable Patriarch of our beloved Order. They could not but reflect at every step upon the many ennobling virtues this eminent, useful, and most faithful brother possessed; upon the many living evidences of his brotherly love and goodness found upon the record. He has indeed been a father to all of us for a number of years, and we do not hesitate to say has done at least as much, directly and indirectly, for the promotion and preservation of the true principles of our institution, viz: Friendship, Love, Benevolence, and Truth, as any other member whose name has been enrolled with ours. It is but little for us to say that he was always true as the needle to the pole, never swerving to the right hand or left from our landmarks or the cause of truth, always contending manfully for the right and condemning the wrong. He was ever

ready and willing to serve us in any capacity, has filled many offices of trust, and never failed faithfully to discharge every duty confided to him until the light went out which brought his life to a close. In short, we had but to follow him and all was safe. This brilliant light constantly kept in view there could be no danger, but now that he has *gone*, let us imitate him in all his good and kindly acts while with us, so that when we come to be called to follow him home we may leave behind us, as he has done, a memory which can never *die*.

In conclusion we would offer the following preamble and resolutions expressive of the sense of this Grand Lodge:

WHEREAS it has pleased an All-wise Providence, in the justness of his decree, to remove PAST GRAND SIRE HOWELL HOPKINS, of Pennsylvania, from our Subordinate Lodges here below to the Grand Lodge above; therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge deeply deplore the loss of this eminent, useful, and ancient Patriarch and Patron of our Order.

Resolved, That we deeply feel this loss to be irreparable—that a vacancy has been made by this removal of our Bro. P. G. Sire Howell Hopkins which cannot and will not soon again be filled, but that we cheerfully bow to the Will of Heaven, and avail ourselves of the only consolation left us, viz: that our loss, though severe and great, has proved an equivalent gain to him.

Resolved, That while we thus deplore this our loss, in the fullest sense, we extend the tenderest sympathy to the family and friends of the deceased.

Resolved, That in testimony of our respect and sympathy, these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of this Body and a copy of the same be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

J. J. LINTS,
WILLIAM P. TAYLOR,
L. C. ZIMMERMAN,
J. A. KENNEDY,
RICHARD MARLEY.

Your committee also report that they have had placed in their hands a preamble and resolution from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania upon the demise of P. G. Sire Howell Hopkins, which they desire spread upon the Journal of this Grand Lodge.

J. J. LINTS,
WILLIAM P. TAYLOR,
L. C. ZIMMERMAN,
J. A. KENNEDY,
RICHARD MARLEY.

On motion of P. G. Sire John A. Kennedy the report and resolutions were unanimously adopted, the vote being taken rising.

Rep. Rand, of Massachusetts, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's address as relates to the death of P. G. Rep. Daniel Hersey, of Massachusetts, respectfully report:

That in consideration of the position occupied by Bro. Hersey as one of the founders of our Order, and the intimate relations existing

between him and our first Grand Sire, Thomas Wildey, the occasion seems to demand more than ordinary notice, and they therefore make the following extract from the report of the last Grand Master of Massachusetts on that subject:

"After a long and trying sickness, our first Grand Master, Daniel Hersey, died on the twenty-sixth day of May last. He was the first American initiated into our Order in New England. He was born at Hingham, Massachusetts, on the 14th day of December, 1786. Early in the year of 1820 he was initiated into Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1, with which he continued in good standing till, with eleven others, he withdrew, on the 11th of March, 1823, for the purpose of forming Siloam Lodge, No. 2. Until the Order ceased work in Boston, in 1832, he continued a member of that Lodge, and was again found among the working brethren as a member of Massachusetts Lodge on the reinstatement of this Grand Lodge, in December, 1841.

"Bro. Hersey was our first Grand Master, having been elected on the 9th of June, 1823, and served in that capacity till June 7th, 1827. On the 5th of July, in the same year, the office having become vacant by the resignation of Grand Master Bishop, he was again elected, and was installed on the 12th of the same month. The office was filled by him till June 5th, 1828, when Bro. Isaac S. Dupee was chosen in his place, but it seems that he continued to fill the chair, nor is there any record of the installation of his successor while the Grand Lodge continued to work.

"He was elected for a third time, and installed as Grand Master by Grand Sire John A. Kennedy, on the 23d of September, 1841. On the 4th of August, 1842, sixteen years ago yesterday, he was elected for the fourth and last time, and continued in office till the installation of Grand Master Rev. E. H. Chapin, on the 3d of August, 1843. On that day, Bro. Hersey was elected to the office of Grand Representative, and he took his seat as such at the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at Baltimore, on the 18th of the following month. In 1842 he was appointed District Deputy Grand Sire for Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and, with the exception of Past Grand Secretary Albert Guild, was the only brother who ever filled that office.

"The brethren in this jurisdiction have not been unmindful of Bro. Hersey's services. His Lodge, as long ago as 1823, presented him a medal, and on his retirement from the office of Grand Master the members of this Grand Lodge presented him a gold watch as a token of their appreciation.

"To many of the younger members of our Order Bro. Hersey was known by name only. For the few past years ill health and personal trials prevented his attendance at our regular meetings, but to the last hour of his life his heart was with us. His early manhood had been given to the cause of Odd-Fellowship, and I am proud to say that his associates did not forget nor neglect him when sickness and age and misfortune had cast a gloom over his life. Massachusetts Lodge watched over his dying bed, and his widow was cheered and sustained in her affliction by the services of our brotherhood. She was accompanied to the grave by his early friend and brother, Albert Guild, who still continues, and may he long continue among us!

"On the 26th of May last, Grand Master Hersey died, and he was followed to his grave, at Mount Auburn, by the Order in this vicinity, and by many who came from a distance to pay their tribute of respect to his memory, on the following Sunday.

"His departure had long been expected. He had gone full of years and honors, after his work was done. Peacefully and with little bodily suffering the hand of death was laid upon him."

The committee offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge have heard with profound grief of the demise of P. G. Rep. Daniel Hersey, of Massachusetts, long a member of this Grand Body, and one of the founders of our Order in the United States.

Resolved, That in the decease of Bro. Hersey we mourn the loss of one who was not only thoroughly and untiringly devoted to the cause of Odd-Fellowship from its reorganization in this country until the time of his death, but who, by his uniform kindness of heart and gentleness of manners, endeared himself to all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

Resolved, That we tender to the family of the deceased our heartfelt sympathies in their bereavement, and an earnest desire that they may be comforted and sustained by that Almighty Being who afflicts not willingly nor grieves the children of men.

CALEB RAND,
CHARLES E. BUCKINGHAM,
E. H. TUCKER,
THOMAS RICH,
JAMES H. STEWART.

On motion of P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey the report and accompanying resolutions were unanimously adopted, the question being taken rising.

Rep. Phelps, of Connecticut, from the special committee on that subject, made following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee appointed to take into consideration that portion of the annual report of the M. W. Grand Sire which relates to the death of P. G. Rep. Wallace, of Connecticut, having considered the subject, ask leave to report:

That the melancholy instance of mortality which has called for the exercise by your committee of the duties appropriate to the subject referred to them, is one which deeply and sadly affected the jurisdiction of Connecticut, of the Grand Lodge of which the deceased was at the time M. W. Grand Master. To say that he was highly respected and universally esteemed by the fraternity of that jurisdiction as an Odd-Fellow of the noblest cast, is but the reiteration of an expression which has found general utterance from the lips of that fraternity—an expression the sincerity of which is attested by the deep seated conviction throughout that jurisdiction that by the decease of that distinguished brother the Order has sustained a loss which cannot be repaired.

In addition to his brilliant qualities as an Odd-Fellow, he was also a highly respectable citizen, a charitable neighbor, a faithful friend, a devoted husband, an affectionate father, an endeared brother, a filial son, and a sincere christian, and consequently commanded and possessed the confidence, friendship, esteem, and regard of all who knew him in his life, and their sorrow at his early death.

As a proper tribute to the memory of the deceased we submit the following preamble and resolutions, viz:

WHEREAS it has pleased Divine Providence, in the exercise of that inscrutable wisdom to which it becomes all uncomplainingly to submit, to remove by death P. G. Rep. John Wallace, at the time M. W. Grand Master of the jurisdiction of Connecticut: Therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge have heard with profound regret the official

announcement of the death of Bro. Wallace, and extend to his bereaved family and friends their sincere condolence and heartfelt sympathy.

Resolved, That in testimony of the respect and sympathy of this Grand Lodge, they do hereby direct that the foregoing report, together with this preamble and these resolutions, be recorded at length in the Journal of this body, and a copy of the same transmitted to the widow and family of the deceased.

JAMES PHELPS,
C. C. JACKSON,
E. G. STORER,
J. D. RODNEY,
A. SHINKLE.

On motion of P. G. Sire Wm. W. Moore, the report and resolutions were unanimously adopted, the question being taken rising.

Rep. Brewster, of California, from the select committee on that subject, made the following report, when, on his motion, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred "a paper from the Grand Lodge of Australia of Odd-Fellows on the subject of supplies," would respectfully report:

That from the communication referred to them, addressed by William F. Langley, Grand Secretary of the "Victoria Grand Lodge of the Australian Independent Order of Odd-Fellows," to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, and dated at Melbourne, May 5, 1858, an interesting exhibit of the condition of Odd-Fellowship in that remote region is obtained. It appears that in that colony a Grand Lodge bearing the above named title has been formed having under its jurisdiction six Subordinate Lodges, viz:

The Duke of York Lodge,	located	at	Melbourne.
The Fitzroy	"	"	"
The Australia	"	"	Collingwood.
The Prince Albert	"	"	Strachxan.
Ashby	"	"	Geelong.
The Loyal Brothers	"	"	"

Reported to be "all in a flourishing condition and well supplied with funds."

Of this Grand Lodge the officers for the current year are: William Barber, Grand Master; Thomas W. Wright, Deputy Grand Master; William E. Langley, Grand Secretary; James McGaw, Grand Treasurer. A "Directory" meets quarterly in January, April, July, and October. The annual communication of the Grand Lodge is held on the second Monday of September. "In Tasmania, one of the sister colonies, the Order has flourished wonderfully." In the Hobart Town District by the last returns it numbered nine Lodges in a highly prosperous condition, having on hand funds to the amount of £3,300 or $16,000, and the support and protection of the Governor of the Colony, who is a member of one of the Lodges. From information in the possession of

your committee other than the communication itself, it would appear that the ritual, laws, and routine of duty of these Australian Odd-Fellows are the same as those of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the United States. Members of our Lodges in California can and do obtain admittance and hold Odd-Fellowship communication with the Lodges there. In some instances our members have joined their Lodges, and, continuing from the rank obtained at home, have passed their chairs. Members from the jurisdictions of other States travelling between Australia and California report the same state of similarity between the work of that jurisdiction and of this.

The communication before your committee purports to have two objects; firstly, to inform the Grand Master and Officers of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of California, and especially brothers about to visit Australia, of the existence and condition of the Order there; and, secondly, to obtain supplies of certificates, &c. similar to those used by our Lodges; and further states that a similar communication and request had been sent to New York in September last. The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California of course was unable to comply with the request, having no authority to acknowledge the organization from which the communication was sent.

Your committee can come to no other conclusion than that these Lodges have been self-constituted and hold no legal charters from any Grand Body authorizing them to work according to the ritual and usage of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the United States, and that all communication with them or their members by Odd-Fellows hailing from different jurisdictions under this Grand Body is in violation of the obligation and of the law of the Order.

The communication before the committee and the information within their reach show, however, a spirit of attachment to the principles of the brotherhood, and to the rules, work, and system of the independent organization of which this Grand Lodge is the head, and a desire to obtain a recognition from the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the United States of their right to be considered members of the Order, as are those of our own jurisdiction.

Your committee consider that the dignity and self-respect of this Grand Lodge forbid any definite action on this subject until a formal application shall have been made by the Australian Odd-Fellows for inter-communion with us. But as they have the precedent before them of the establishment of an independent jurisdiction in British America, and the passage of various laws by this Grand Lodge authorizing an interchange of membership and visit between the jurisdictions, they believe this Grand Body justified in taking any reasonable step to encourage the spread of the principles of Odd-Fellowship, by means of the governmental system and work of the Independent Order, wherever its members may be found throughout the globe.

While your committee do not acknowledge the legality of the existence of the Australian jurisdiction, yet correct information is necessary to a mutual understanding of the powers, duties, and obligations

of the separate Grand Jurisdictions, and much good may result from our obtaining such knowledge to guide our future action.

Your committee therefore recommend that the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he hereby is authorized to correspond with the Australian Grand Lodges, informing them of the action heretofore taken in the acknowledgment of the independent organization in British North America, and asking their Lodge action in making officially known to this Grand Lodge their wishes for a recognition by us of their organization.

JOHN A. BREWSTER,
T. ROGERS JOHNSON,
PHILO WHITE.

Rep. Green, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report. The rule was suspended and the report considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance recommend the payment of the following claims: John J. Johnson's services at this session of the Grand Lodge, twelve dollars. Jacob Mearis, services as keeper of the Hall, five dollars.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer for the amounts set forth above, to be charged to contingent fund.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
B. CONLEY,
V. GREEN,
F. D. STUART,
JOHN G. CLAYTON.

Rep. Kellogg, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report. The rule was suspended and the report considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, have duly considered the same, and find them to be correct, and would respectfully recommend their approval.

DEWITT C. LANGDON,
JAMES B. KELLOGG,
E. C. ROBINSON,
ASA B. CLARK.

Rep. Wolford, of Kentucky, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report. The rule was suspended and the report considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to which was referred the recommendations of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, that a diploma

plate be issued by the Grand Lodge of the United States to supply the plate of the former one, now worn out, respectfully report: That they find that the Committee on Finance have already made a report recommending the adoption of the Grand Secretary's suggestion, and making an appropriation to provide for the expense of the carrying it into effect. The subject being, therefore, already settled by this Grand Lodge, it would be superfluous for the committee to submit another report. They ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

CHARLES WOLFORD,
H. F. ASKEW,
HENRY CLARK,
PHILO WHITE,
CHARLES B. MITCHELL.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report. The rule was suspended, and the report considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals beg leave to report on the appeal of Adam Lodge, No. 35, against the action of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in which it was ruled by the Grand Master, and confirmed by the Body, on appeal from his decision, that a resolution giving to her Subordinates the right of charging dues continuously or not against members who are or may be suspended, was not in order. The law of the Grand Lodge of Maryland provided that in case of reinstatement of a member suspended for non-payment of dues, there shall be paid the amount of dues standing against him at the time of his suspension, though such amount shall not be more than five quarters, together with all fines, &c. that may have accrued. This law is definite in its terms, and to have granted the power to charge dues continuously would certainly have contravened the standing law; and as this Grand Body has conferred the right to legislate relative to the reinstatement of suspended members in the local jurisdictions, and as the Grand Lodge of Maryland have acted in conformity with her law provided for such cases, your committee recommend that her action be sustained.

WILLIAM THAYER,
GEORGE W. ADAMS,
J. A. KENNEDY,
WILLIAM P. TAYLOR.

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, the Lodge now resolved itself into secret session.

After some deliberation in secret session the Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

Rep. Buckingham, of Massachusetts, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report. The rule was suspended and the report considered:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred a resolution offered by Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, instructing them "to report a law similar to one contained in a resolution offered by Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, concerning visits of Encampments and Lodges," respectfully submit the following resolution in obedience to instructions:

Resolved, That a Lodge or Encampment may visit a sister Lodge or Encampment in a body, when accompanied by one of their first two officers, who may introduce them in the manner provided for the introduction of visitors by the elective Grand Officers.

CHARLES E. BUCKINGHAM,
WM. K. EDWARDS,
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH,
JOHN W. DWINELLE,
W. J. HOKE.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, moved that the report be concurred in and the accompanying resolution be adopted. It being a proposition to change the unwritten work, and a vote of four-fifths being necessary to adopt the motion, the yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Adams, (2 votes,) Archer, Armstrong, Armington, Askew, Barber, Barry, Blake, Buckingham, Burnham, Caldwell, Cassedy, Clark of Vermont, Clayton, Cook, Conley, Cornwell, Craighead, Crutcher, Danenhower, Davis, Dwinelle, Earl, Edwards, Ellis, Garrett, Gilmore, Glenn, Green, Harvey, Hemingray, Herndon, Hills, Hoke, Hunt, Jackson, Johnson, Kellogg, Kidder, Lane, Langdon, Lints, (2 votes,) Lockett, (2 votes,) McKinstry, (2 votes,) Marley, Marsh, Mason, Mitchell of Arkansas, Mitchell of South Carolina, Nutter, Peers, Phelps, Pope, (2 votes,) Rand, Richardson, J. H. Robinson, (2 votes,) Rodney, Shields, Shinkle, Stetson, Stewart, Storer, Straw, Tapley, Terry, Thayer, (2 votes,) Tucker of Massachusetts, Tucker of New Jersey, Veitch, Wilson, Whitaker, White, Wilkinson, Wolford, Yale, Zimmerman—83.

NAYS.—Brewster, Escavaille, Farnsworth, Kennedy, May, Rich, Stuart, (2 votes,) Taylor, Wilcox, (2 votes,) Young—12.

So the motion prevailed, and the unwritten work was so altered as to permit a Lodge or Encampment to visit in a body, when accompanied by one of their first two officers, who may introduce them in the manner provided for the introduction of visitors by elective Grand Officers.

On motion of Rep. Blake, of Louisiana, the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, (page 2923,) touching the right of Subordinate Lodges to examine visitors, was considered.

Rep. Harvey, of Indiana, moved to amend, as follows which was agreed to, and the report as amended was adopted:

In the fourth line insert after the word "Lodges" the words "and Encampments." After the word "Lodge," in the eighth and eleventh lines, insert the words "or Encampment;" provided the presiding officer shall find the card of the visiting brother to be in date.

The following proposed amendments to the Constitution were laid on the table:

By Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, seconded by Rep. Wilkinson, of Rhode Island, Rep. Tucker, of Massachusetts, and Rep. Adams, of Georgia:

"Amend the second section of the ninth article of the Constitution to read as follows:

"SECTION 2. Every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing shall be entitled to one vote in this Grand Lodge; every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing shall be entitled to two votes; and no State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than one Grand Representative at the same time."

By Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, seconded by Rep. Wilkinson, of Rhode Island, Rep. Tucker, of Massachusetts, and Rep. Adams, of Georgia:

"Amend the second section of the ninth article of the Constitution so that it shall read as follows:

"SECTION 2. Every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing shall be entitled to one vote in this Grand Lodge; every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing shall be entitled to two votes; and no State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than one Grand Representative at the same time: Provided, however, that any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be entitled to as many Grand Representatives as it may have votes, on assuming the payment of the mileage and per diem of the additional Grand Representative."

The hour of 3½ o'clock having arrived, the M. W. Grand Sire declared the Lodge adjourned, pursuant to the resolution to that effect.

FRIDAY EVENING—7 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, George W. Race, M. W. Grand Sire, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, from the special committee to whom the subject had been recommitted, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred the preamble and resolutions of Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, beg leave to recommend the adoption of the same, with the following suggestions:

That the grand celebration be held at the city of New York, being the most suitable place for the occasion.

That the committee of arrangements consist of the Representatives from Southern and Northern New York and the R. W. Grand Secretary, together with one Representative from each other jurisdiction under this Grand Lodge, and that the committee thus constituted be authorized to appoint sub-committees to act in conjunction with them.

That the R. W. Grand Secretary be directed to lay this subject before the various State jurisdictions in a circular, and urge their concurrence therein, and that the Representatives in this Grand Lodge be requested to earnestly commend this matter to their respective Grand Bodies.

That it be and is hereby recommended to such Grand Jurisdictions as may be at too great a distance to participate in the general celebration provided for in the first resolution, to set apart the 26th of April, 1859, as a day of thanksgiving, and to celebrate the same under the auspices of their respective Grand Lodges, with appropriate ceremonies, so that the whole heart of the Brotherhood may pour forth its grateful homage with one voice throughout the length and breadth of the Order.

F. D. STUART,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
J. S. HARVEY,
W. D. MASON,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
JONATHAN S. WHITAKER,
JOHN A. BREWSTER,
W. H. COOK,
J. C. HEMINGRAY.

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, the report was concurred in and the resolutions accompanying it unanimously adopted.

The M. W. Grand Sire named the following as the committee provided for by the resolution:

Reps. Kennedy, Clayton, and Langdon, of Southern New York; Dwinelle, Cornwell, and Gilmore, of Northern New York; James L. Ridgely, R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary; Reps. Buckingham, of Massachusetts, Armstrong, of Illinois, Askew, of Delaware, Brewster, of California, Cassedy, of New Jersey, Clark, of Florida, Clark, of Vermont, Conley, of Georgia, Crutcher, of Mississippi, Earl, of Ohio, Farnsworth, of Tennessee, Foster, of Michigan, Fuller, of Lower Provinces, Lane, of Iowa, Green, of Wisconsin, Harvey, of Indiana, Hemingray, of Kansas, Hoke, of North Carolina, Hunt, of Texas, Jackson, of Connecticut, Kidder, of New Hampshire, Lints, of Pennsylvania, May, of Oregon, Mitchell, of Arkansas, J. H. Robinson, of Virginia, Shields, of Louisiana, Straw, of Maine, Stuart, of District of Columbia, Terry, of Minnesota, Thayer, of South Carolina, Veitch, of Missouri, Wilson, of Alabama, Wilkinson, of Rhode Island, Wolford, of Kentucky, Yale, of Canada West, Young, of Maryland, and Cook, of Nebraska.

On motion of Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary was appointed chairman of the committee on the grand celebration.

Rep. Hemingray, of Kansas, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the per centage due this Grand Lodge from such of the Subordinate Lodges of the jurisdiction of Kansas as have not reported to the Grand Lodge, shall be paid to and retained by the Grand Lodge of Kansas.

Rep. Herndon, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to the R. W. Grand Lodge and R. W. Grand Encampment of the State of Maryland, for their overflowing hospitality extended to the members of this Grand Lodge. They have made our stay with them pleasant and in the highest degree agreeable. We part from them with sincere regret, but will carry with us to our homes a remembrance of their uniform kindness and courtesy.

Rep. Burnham, of Maine, having voted with the majority upon the amendment proposed to the Constitution recommended by the Committee of the Whole for adoption, and which had been rejected, now moved to reconsider the vote had on that subject.

This motion having a second, the question was, "Will the Lodge reconsider the vote rejecting said proposed amendment?"

Rep. J. H. Robinson, of Virginia, moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Cook, of Nebraska, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Nebraska Lodge, No. 1. Omaha Lodge, No. 2, Bellevue Lodge, No. 4, and Brownsville Lodge, No. 5, of the jurisdiction of Nebraska, be exonerated from making further report to this Grand Lodge, and that the per centage accruing from said Lodges for the fractional term commencing January 1, 1858, and ending with the institution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, April 26, 1858, be not exacted.

Rep. Davis, of New Hampshire, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger be directed to forward by mail to each officer and member of this Grand Lodge one copy of the proceedings of each day that may not be printed in season to be placed in their possession prior to adjournment, and that he be also directed to forward by mail one copy of the same to such persons whose names shall be furnished for the purpose by the members; provided the number does not exceed ten copies to each member; the postage to be paid out of the funds of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, submitted the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS it appears that the endeavors of this Grand Lodge, through its various committees appointed for the purpose, have hitherto failed to suggest a plan whereby the question of merging the Patriarchal and Subordinate branches of the Order and revising the Work might be definitely settled; and whereas it is believed that the objections so frequently urged against the present system may be removed by judicious legislation on the part of this Grand Lodge, with the co-operation of the State Grand Bodies: Therefore

Resolved, That the question of abolishing Grand Encampments and placing the Patriarchal branch of the Order under the control of the State Grand Lodges be submitted for the consideration of the various State jurisdictions under this Grand Lodge.

That, in carrying out this plan, it is not intended to interfere with the work of the Patriarchal branch of the Order, written or unwritten.

That, with a view to the reconciliation of many supposed difficulties attending such a change in the organization of the Order, contemplated in the foregoing, the following is suggested:

First. That the possession of the Royal Purple degree be a requisite qualification for office in a Subordinate Lodge.

Secondly. That the Royal Purple degree be conferred on all Past Grands who have not received it at the time the change takes place.

Thirdly. That to be eligible for office in a Grand Lodge a brother must have passed either the High Priest's or Chief Patriarch's chair in an Encampment.

Fourthly. That a committee of ———— be elected by this Grand Lodge to devise a plan, in detail, to carry out the foregoing suggestions, and that they be directed to report at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, to lay the same on the table, it was resolved in the negative.

The question being on the preamble and resolutions—

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, moved to amend as follows:

Resolved, That the pending resolution be amended by striking out the words Grand Encampment where they first occur, in the first part of the resolution, and inserting the words Grand Lodges, and that the words Grand Lodge next occurring be stricken out and the words Grand Encampment be inserted.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, on his motion the whole subject was ordered to lie on the table.

The following proposed amendment to the Constitution was laid on the table:

By Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, seconded by Rep. Askew, of Delaware, and Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland:

Amend article sixteen, section eleven of the Constitution, by inserting after the word "males," in the second line of the section, the words "and natives of the Sandwich Islands."

Rep. Askew, of Delaware, moved the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the price for the installation form shall be one dollar each.

Resolved, That the price for diplomas of membership shall be one dollar each.

Rep. Mason, of Kentucky, moved to amend the first resolution by striking out "one dollar" and inserting "fifty cents."

Rep. J. H. Robinson, of Virginia, asked a division of the question, and the question being on striking out it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolutions moved by Rep. Askew, of Delaware, they were adopted.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments working under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, having revised or amended Constitutions or By-Laws to submit for the examination and approval of this Grand Body, be and they are hereby instructed to furnish their documents in such form as to distinguish by marginal memoranda, or otherwise, such parts of the revised instrument as have not already received the sanction of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The following proposed amendment to the Constitution was laid on the table:

By Rep. Shields, of Louisiana, seconded by Rep. May, of Oregon, and Rep. Lockett, of Texas:

"That the words '*four-fifths*' be substituted for the word '*unanimous,*' in the sixth and seventh lines of section five of article one of the constitution."

Rep. McAuley, of Alabama, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, at several sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the question of change of representation to or of meeting of this Grand Lodge, in view of its expenses, is agitated, and it is desirable that the question should be settled to the satisfaction of the Subordinate Grand Bodies; be it

Resolved, That the several Subordinate jurisdictions of this Grand Lodge be requested to express their opinions at their next annual session as to what change it is desirable to make, if any.

The following proposed amendment to the Constitution was laid on the table:

By Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, seconded by Rep. Lintz, of Pennsylvania, Rep. Burnham, of Maine, and Rep. Askew, of Delaware:

"Amend article twelve of Constitution to read:—

"1. This Grand Lodge shall meet biennially on the third Monday of September, at 9 o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet on the calls of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, Territorial and Colonial Grand Bodies, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting, unless notice thereof has been given as above provided.

"2. During the time intervening between the biennial session there shall be a Committee of the Grand Sire, the Deputy Grand Sire, the Grand Secretary and the Committee on Appeals, appointed at the last preceding session, to whom appeals and applications for charters may be made or any other business referred not affecting the finance of the Grand Lodge nor being of a legislative nature. Said committee shall hold semi-annual sessions, their action being always subject to confirmation or reversal by the Grand Lodge at its next session.

"3. Article nine and other articles of the Constitution are hereby ordered to be conformed in phraseology so as not to conflict with these offered by Rep. Thayer of South Carolina."

Rep. Wilcox, of Tennessee, laid on the table the following paper, which was ordered to be spread upon the journal:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, believing that the project for public installations of officers of Subordinate Lodges will contravene or violate the secret work of the Order—to change which a four-fifth vote is required, while the said project was passed by only a bare majority—beg leave to protest against the action of this R. W. Grand Lodge had this day in relation thereto.

And particularly do they protest against confiding to any committee of this Grand Lodge the power of making such important innovations upon the usages of the Order as has been done in the resolution relative to the above subject, without first being submitted to the supervision of this Grand Lodge.

All of which they most respectfully request to spread upon the minutes.

M. E. WILCOX,
JOHN W. HODGSON,
F. D. STUART,
JOHN C. TERRY,
E. D. FARNSWORTH.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, moved the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge deem it inexpedient and adverse to the best interests of the Order to grant in the future any warrant or charter for the establishment of a Grand Body unless there shall be under the jurisdiction of the proposed body at least one thousand contributing members at the date of the application.

Resolved, That it be respectfully recommended to the M. W. Grand Sire to conform his action on all applications for warrants to the views of this Grand Lodge, as expressed in the above resolution.

On motion of Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, the Lodge now proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers elect.

The M. W. Grand Sire announced the following form and order of presentation of the Grand Officers elect for installation:

P. G. M. Samuel Craighead, of Ohio, the Grand Sire elect, will be presented by P. G. Sire Thos. Wildey, of Maryland, and Rep. Askew, of Delaware.

P. G. M. Edward H. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, the Deputy Grand Sire elect, will be presented by Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, and Rep. Mitchell, of Arkansas.

P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Maryland, the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary elect, will be presented by Rep. Marsh, of Illinois, and Rep. Shinkle, of Kentucky.

G. M. Joshua Vansant, of Maryland, the Grand Treasurer elect, will be presented by Rep. Herndon, of Indiana, and Rep. Rich, of the District of Columbia.

The Chair presented the Bond of the Grand Treasurer elect for approval, which, on motion of

Rep. Edwards, of Indiana, was approved and ordered to be filed with the Grand Secretary.

P. G. M. Samuel Craighead, of Ohio, M. W. G. Sire elect, being presented by P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, of Maryland, and Rep. Askew, of Delaware, at the foot of the Chair, was qualified by the M. W. G. Sire, and seated on the right of the Chair.

P. G. M. Edward H. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, was then presented by Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, and Rep. Mitchell, of Arkansas, qualified and seated on the right of the Chair.

P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Maryland, was then presented by Rep. Marsh, of Illinois, and Rep. Shinkle, of Kentucky, qualified, and conducted to his seat.

M. W. G. M. Joshua Vansant, of Maryland, was then presented by Rep. Herndon, of Indiana, and Rep. Rich, of the District of Columbia, qualified, and seated on the right of the Chair.

The Grand Sire elect nominated the following Grand Officers:

Rev. P. G. A. P. Repiton, of Wilmington, North Carolina, for R. W. Grand Chaplain.

P. G. Isaac M. Tucker, of Newark, New Jersey, for R. W. Grand Marshal.

P. G. John E. Chamberlain, of Maryland, for W. Grand Messenger

P. G. Solomon H. Lewyt, of Maryland, for W. Grand Guardian.

And for District Deputy Grand Sires as follows:

Vermont—P. G. Henry Clark, Poulteney.
Arkansas—P. G. James A. Henry, Little Rock.
New Mexico—P. G. John B. Grason, Santa Fe.
Lower Provinces—P. G. E. G. Fuller, Halifax, N. S.
Sandwich Islands—P. G. R. A. S. Wood, Honolulu.
Oregon Territory—P. G. E. M. Barnum, Salem.
Florida—P. G. Asa B. Clark, Tallahassee.

These nominations having been unanimously confirmed by the Lodge, the nominees present were qualified by the M. W. Grand Sire and conducted to their respective seats.

The M. W. Grand Sire George W. Race, the ceremony of installation being completed, addressed the Lodge as follows:

BRETHREN: The time for the severance of our official connection has arrived. Yes, our voyage upon the good vessel Odd-Fellowship has been made; our noble craft is safely moored in the "harbor of Brotherly Love," and we are about to vacate our places and surrender our trusts to this noble band of new officers.

The proudest and most pleasant reminiscences of my life will be the remembrance of my participation in the seven annual communications of this Grand Lodge. During this time acquaintances have been made and friendships formed that will continue to cluster around the heart as long as life endures.

But, as it is the common destiny of all flesh to part from those most dear, we must with Christian fortitude endure the parting salutation—*adieu!*—with the hope that we may all meet again in that "Grand Lodge" where parting shall be no more.

M. W. Grand Sire elect: Permit me to congratulate you upon having attained the highest and most dignified office in the Order of Odd-Fellows, where opportunity will be afforded for the exercise of those brilliant qualities that have so distinguished your past career, and pointed you out as one eminently qualified for this exalted station. Permit me to say, by way of friendly admonition, that in the discharge of the various and delicate duties pertaining to this high office, it is of the first importance to be vigilant, to be mild, to be prompt, and to be firm. Indeed, sir, it were better to make a wrong decision than to

hesitate in its rendition; for if wrong the Grand Lodge will correct it, and the business will be transacted without delay or confusion, whilst indecision will involve the Lodge in both.

Representatives: Permit me to congratulate you upon having secured the services of such eminent and efficient officers. But remember that an efficient administration can only be secured by giving a prompt and generous support to the official acts of the Grand Sire. It depends upon you whether this chair shall be cushioned with down or covered with thorns. Let me, then, in the spirit of gratitude, bespeak for my successor the same support and lavished kindness that made the task so easy and agreeable to myself, whilst it laid me under such heavy and lasting obligations to you. And in your legislative deliberations ever remember that change is not reform; and that obstinacy is not wisdom.

Nothing now remains to complete this ceremony but for me to declare the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the ensuing two years, to be installed into their respective offices in "ample form," and to place in this chair my worthy successor, which I do with great pleasure, and most cheerfully and trustfully surrender to him the symbol of your high authority, with which I have been honored during the past term.

Brethren, accept my profound thanks, and allow me to bid you an affectionate farewell!

Grand Sire Race now retired from the chair, placing therein the M W. Grand Sire elect, who addressed the Lodge as follows:

Representatives: In assuming the duties of the highest executive office of our Order my first impulse is to return grateful acknowledgments for the favor and confidence with which you have been pleased to regard me; to express the distrust and anxiety which the grave obligations of the place are so well calculated to inspire, and to bespeak your favor and forbearance whilst I give my best efforts to the work assigned me.

When I contemplate the magnitude of this work and the exalted charity it is intended to distribute and perpetuate, I am penetrated with a profound sense of the responsibility which must rest upon all who undertake its direction; and, knowing my own weakness, I would shrink from that responsibility were it not that I am to be advised and aided by the wisdom, the virtue, and the experience of the Order.

To you then, Representatives, who are charged with the sovereign legislative and judicial power of the Order, and to those who, under the Constitution, are associated with you, I will confidently look for guidance and support in every time of need.

Happily for us there are no opposing parties here, contending for the ascendency of widely different principles in our government, and making it proper for the incumbent of this chair, upon his installation, to indicate the policy to be pursued during his official term. Whilst I may not hope to equal the ability with which the duties of this office

have been discharged by my justly distinguished predecessor, I will ever look to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States—binding together in bonds of peace, union, and fraternity our great and rapidly increasing Order—and to the laws enacted in pursuance thereof, as the chart by which my administration is to be guided.

To those who have laid so broad and deep the foundations of our association our obligations are great indeed. The world hath never known an organized charity like American Odd-Fellowship. Its growth is a marvel to all. From the smallest beginnings, and in spite of jealousy, suspicion, and distrust, amounting sometimes to a formidable opposition, if not to a species of persecution, it has risen to the highest place among the benevolent enterprises of the age. Though its founder still lives to cheer us by his presence to-day, the organization, occupying every available position within the jurisdiction of our federal government, has over-stepped our national boundaries in quest of new fields in which to labor. And now all men who have an interest in the elevation of the race are coming to a knowlege of the truth that ours is an institution to be studied and regarded as largely reflecting the social, moral, and humane tendencies of the times. Its present rank compels the attention of the Statesman, the Moralist, and the Philosopher. *They* cannot afford to be ignorant of or indifferent to the onward triumphant march of a compact and well disciplined body of three hundred thousand men—animated by one spirit—all earnestly engaged in the works of benevolence and charity. Still our watchword should be, "Onward." Every thing is inviting us forward. The Islanders of the far-off seas are casting aside the shackles of barbarism and paganism, and in the name of our common humanity are sending us the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us." The deep foundations upon which the superstructure of ignorance, error, and oppression has so long and so securely rested in the East, are being broken up, and the benighted millions of India are beginning to rejoice in the dawning light of a Christian civilization. The triumphs of science are demonstrating the truths of Odd-Fellowship. The nations are being brought closely together. Already the people of the old world and the new whisper together as brothers. The signals that now flash from continent to continent are inaugurating a new era of sympathy, interest, and good-will between the various nations and races of the earth.

Encouraged and aided by these hopeful signs of the times, let us press on with our noble Order until it shall teach its principles and dispense its blessings to every people and in every clime. And may the deliberations of this Grand Lodge be ever tempered with such moderation, wisdom, and justice as shall most contribute to this great end!

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, moved the following resolutions, which were taken rising and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of the United States are eminently due and are hereby most freely and cordially tendered to P. G. Sire Geo W Race, for the extremely able, courteous, and perfectly impartial manner in

which he has discharged the arduous and responsible duties of Grand Sire during his term of office.

Resolved, That P. G. Sire Geo. W. Race be requested to sit for his portrait to be placed in the Hall of this Grand Lodge, and that the expenses incurred for the same be defrayed from the treasury of this Grand Body.

Rep. Caldwell, of North Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS it has pleased Almighty God to remove from earth Thomas H. Hardenburgh, long a member of this body from the jurisdiction of North Carolina, and whereas the members of this Grand Lodge are sincerely desirous of testifying their respect for his memory:

Resolved, That while we submit in all humility to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, we sincerely lament the loss of our deceased brother, as a man whose life exemplified the principles of our Oder, and whose character was without a stain and above reproach.

Resolved, That the usual badges of mourning be worn thirty days.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to transmit a copy of these proceedings to the family of the deceased, with the seal of the Lodge affixed, immediately on the adjournment of this Grand Body.

Rep. Earl, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That an officer of this Grand Lodge or a Representative thereto, or an officer of a State Grand Body, taking a withdrawal card does not vacate his office thereby, if the same be immediately deposited in his State Grand Body accompanying an application for a new charter, or if, on occasion of change of residence, the card be within one month deposited in a Subordinate, at his new residence; provided that while holding such withdrawal card, and until such new Lodge or Encampment be instituted, such person can discharge no official act.

The following proposed amendment to the Constitution was laid on the table:

By Rep. Straw, of Maine, seconded by Rep. Tucker, of Massachusetts, Rep. Garrett, of Iowa, and Rep. Storer, of Connecticut:

"Amend article nine, section three of the Constitution, by striking out the words following, commencing on the fourth line, 'And he must reside in the State, District, or Territory in which the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which he represents is located:' and instead thereof insert the following: 'And he must have been at the time of his election a member of some Subordinate Lodge or Encampment at least one year in the jurisdiction which he represents.'"

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are eminently due and are hereby tendered to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem for their indefatigable and efficient labors during the present session.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are eminently due and are hereby tendered to Rep. Rand, of Massachusetts, for his valuable services as Grand Chaplain pro tem during this session.

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will hold its sessions at Baltimore till further ordered.

Rep. Pope, of Iowa, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the valedictory of P. G. Sire Geo. W. Race and the inaugural of M. W. G. Sire Samuel Craighead be appended to the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Straw, of Maine, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to cause to be appended to the printed proceedings the names and residences of the P. G. Sires and P. D. G. Sires of this Grand Lodge.

The business of the session having been concluded, the M. W. G. Sire called upon the R. W. G. Chaplain, who addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

Almighty and Eternal God: We desire once more to call upon thy great and holy name, asking thy blessing ere we part;—thanking Thee for the pleasant interviews which we have enjoyed, and for the uniform courtesy and kindness which have marked our deliberations during the entire session. And if, perchance, in the earnestness of debate, a hasty or unguarded word may have been uttered calculated to wound the feelings of any, we hope it may be forgiven by Thee, repented of by the utterer, and forgotten by all. And now that we are about to separate and return to our respective homes, we earnestly desire thy protecting care on our journeys thither. May we be safely restored to our families and friends, and find them in the enjoyment of health and happiness;—may we all feel refreshed and strengthened by this meeting, and a reawakened and hearty determination to redouble our efforts in the great cause of human brotherhood. And, O God, we pray, sincerely and fervently, that thy richest blessing may rest upon our beloved Order, may success and prosperity attend it; and may its principles of charity and brotherly love extend throughout the length and breadth of our land. And now may the blessing of Almighty God, the communion and fellowship of his Holy Spirit, rest upon and abide with you all forever.—Amen.

Whereupon, by order of the M. W. G. Sire, the R. W. D. G. Sire proclaimed the Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *C. and R. Sec'ry.*

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

OF THE

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

OFFICERS.

M. W. Grand Sire SAMUEL CRAIGHEAD.....Dayton, Ohio.
M. W. D. Grand Sire EDWARD H. FITZHUGH. Wheeling, Virginia.
R. W. G. C. and R. Secretary JAS. L. RIDGELY. Baltimore, Maryland.
R. W. Grand Treasurer JOSHUA VANSANT... Baltimore, Maryland.
R. W. Grand Chaplain REV. A. PAUL REPITON. Wilmington, N. Carolina.
R. W. Grand Marshal ISAAC M. TUCKER.... Newark, New Jersey.
R. W. Grand Guardian SOLOMON H. LEWYT.. Baltimore, Maryland.
R. W. Grand Messenger JNO. E. CHAMBERLAIN. Baltimore, Maryland.

REPRESENTATIVES.*

P. G. M. *Adams, G. W*.....Macon, Georgia.
P. G. H. P. Archer, C. C.....St. Louis Missouri.
P. G. M. Armstrong, Perry A.....Morris, Illinois.
P. G. M. Armington, Henry.....Providence, R. Island.
P. G. M. Askew, Henry F.....Wilmington, Delaware.
P. G. M. Barber, L. K.....Woodville, Mississippi.
P. G. M. *Barnes, A. A*.....Knoxville, Tennessee.
P. G. P. *Barry, Amasa S*.....Alton, Illinois.
P. D. G. M. Blake, Thomas N.....New Orleans, Louisiana.
P. G. *Boylston, R. B*.....Winnsboro, S. Carolina.
P. G. Brewster, John A.....Sacramento, California.
P. G. M. *Buckingham, C. E*.....Boston, Massachusetts.
D. G. P. *Burnham, E. P*.....Saco, Maine.
P. G. *Caldwell, R. A*.....Salisbury, N. Carolina.
P. G. M. Cassedy, George W.....Jersey City, New Jersey.
P. G. Clark, Asa B.....Tallahassee, Florida.

*Those in *italics* are members of the next Grand Lodge.

P. G. M. Clark, Henry.....Poultney, Vermont.
P. G. M. Clayton, John G.....New York, New York.
P. G. *Clemmer, Jacob H*.....Cincinnati, Ohio.
P. G. *Conley, Benjamin*.....Augusta, Georgia.
P. G. *Cook, W. H*.....Bellevue, Nebraska.
P. G. Cornwell, William I.....Weedsport, New York.
P. G. M. *Craighead, Samuel*.....Dayton, Ohio.
P. G. M. *Crutcher, William*.....Vicksburg, Mississippi.
P. G. Danenhower, William W.....Chicago, Illinois.
P. G. P. Davis, Stilman S.....Nashua, N. Hampshire.
P. G. *Dwinelle, John W*.....Rochester, New York.
P. G. M. Earl, William C.....Toledo, Ohio.
P. G. M. Edwards, William K.....Terre Haute, Indiana.
P. G. Ellis, F. A.....Elkton, Maryland.
P. G. P. *Escavaille, Joseph B*.....Baltimore, Maryland.
P. G. P. Farnsworth, E. D.....Nashville, Tennessee.
P. G. M. *Fitzhugh, E. H*.....Wheeling, Virginia.
P. G. M. *Foster, F. M*.....Jackson, Michigan.
P. G. Fuller, E. G.....Halifax, Nova Scotia.
G. Sec. *Garrett, William*.....Burlington, Iowa.
P. G. M. Gilmore, Dexter.....Utica, New York.
P. G. P. Glenn, Alexander E.....Columbus, Ohio.
P. G. M. *Green, Volney*.....Milwaukie, Wisconsin.
P. G. M. *Harvey, J. S*.....Jefferson, Indiana.
P. G. *Hemingray, J. C*.....Leavenworth, Kansas.
P. G. M. Herndon, Milton.....Crawfordsville, Indiana.
P. G. *Hills, L. B*.....Waupun, Wisconsin.
P. G. M. Hodgson, John W.....Washington, D. C.
P. G. M. Hoke, William J.....Lincolton, N. Carolina.
P. G. P. Howe, R. D.....Vicksburg, Mississippi.
G. M. *Hunt, E. P*.....Galveston, Texas.
P. G. P. *Jackson, C. C*.....Dirby, Connecticut.
G. Sec. Johnson, T. R.....San Francisco, Cal.
P. G. Kellogg, James B.....Milwaukie, Wisconsin.
P. G. Sire Kennedy, John A.....New York, New York.
P. G. M. Kidder, Joseph.....Manchester, N. H.
P. G. M. *Lane, Minot T*.....Detroit, Michigan.
P. G. M. *Langdon, DeWitt C*.....New York, New York.
P. G. *Lints, J. J*.....Erie, Pensylvania.
P. G. *Lockett, Henry E*.....Washington, Texas.
P. G. M. McAuley, J. G.....Lima, Alabama.
P. G. *McKinstry, A*.....Mobile, Alabama.
P. G. M. Marley, Richard.....Baltimore, Maryland.
P. G. M. *Marsh, A. C*.....Quincy, Illinois.
P. G. P. *Mason, W. B*.....Lancaster, Kentucky.
P. G. *May, S. E*.....Salem, Oregon.
G. Sec. *Mitchell, Edward*.....Charleston, S. Carolina.
P. G. *Mitchell, C. B*.....Washington, Arkansas.

P. G. J. W. *Nutter, Charles*.....Saco, Maine.
P. G. P. Nye, N. B....., Michigan.
P. G. Sec. Patton, George.....Savannah, Georgia.
P. D. G. M. Peers, V. C.....Farmington, Mississippi.
P. G. M. Phelps, James.....Essex, Connecticut.
P. G. M. Pope, John.....Maquoketa, Iowa.
P. G. M. Rand, Caleb.....Boston, Massachusetts.
P. G. *Richardson, Joseph*.....Wilmington, Delaware.
P. G. P. Rich, Thomas.....Washington, D. C.
P. G. M. Robinson, E. C.....Norfolk, Virginia.
P. G. M. Robinson, J. H.....Lynchburg, Virginia.
P. G. M. *Robinson, Israel*.....Martinsburg, Virginia.
P. G. Rodney, John D.....Georgetown, Delaware.
P. G. P. *Shields, Thomas H.*.....New Orleans, Louisiana.
P. G. M. *Shinkle, Amos*.....Covington, Ketucky.
P. G. M. *Stetson, H. G.*.....New Orleans, Louisiana.
P. G. M. *Stewart, J. H.*.....Delphi, Indiana.
P. G. M. *Storer, Eliphalet*.....New Haven, Conn.
P. G. M. Straw, S. B.....Bangor, Maine.
P. G. M. *Stuart, F. D*.....Washington, D. C.
P. G. M. *Tapley, William R.*.....Dover, New Hampshire.
P. G. Taylor, William P.....Philadelphia, Pa.
P. G. Terry, J. C.....St. Paul, Minnesota.
P. G. M. Thayer, William.....Charleston, S. Carolina.
P. G. P. Tucker, E. H.....Boston, Massachusetts.
P. G. Tucker, Isaac M.....Newark, New Jersey.
P. G. M. *Veitch, Isaac M.*.....St. Louis, Missouri.
P. G. M. Webb, William.....La Grange, Texas.
P. G. P. Wilson, J. J. T.....Mobile, Alabama.
P. G. *Whitaker, Jonathan*.....Elmer, New Jersey.
P. G. *White, Philo*.....San Francisco, Cal.
P. G. M. Wilkinson, D.....Pawtucket, R. Island.
P. G. Wilcox, M. E.....Clarksville, Tennessee.
P. G. Wolford, Charles.....Louisville, Kentucky.
G. M. Yale, Chauncy.....St. Catharines, C. W.
D. G. M. *Young, William H.*.....Baltimore, Maryland.
P. G. *Zimmerman, L. C*.....Norristown, Pa.

D. D. GRAND SIRES FOR THE YEAR 1859.

Vermont—P. G. M. Henry Clark.....Poultney.
Arkansas—P. G. James A. Henry.....Little Rock.
New Mexico—P. G. John B. Grason.....Santa Fe.
Lower Provinces—P. G. E. G. Fuller.....Halifax, Nova Scotia.
Sandwich Islands—P. G. R. A. S. Wood.....Honolulu.
Oregon Territory—P. G. E. M. Barnum....Salem.
Florida—P. G. Asa B. Clark.....Tallahassee.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey.....Baltimore, Maryland.
" " James Gettys.*.....Georgetown, D. C.
" " George Keyser†.....Baltimore, Maryland.
" " Samuel H. Perkins.....Philadelphia, Pa.
" " Zenas B. Glazier.....Wilmington, Delaware.
" " John A. Kennedy.....New York, New York.
" " Howell Hopkins‡.....Philadelphia, Pa.
" " Thomas Sherlock.....Cincinnati, Ohio.
" " Horn R. Kneass.....Philadelphia, Pa.
" " Robert H. Griffin§.....Savannah, Georgia.
" " William W. Moore.....Washington, D. C.
" " Wilmot G. DeSaussure.....Charleston, S. Carolina.
" " William Ellison.....Boston, Massachusetts.
" " George W. Race.....New Orleans, Louisiana.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND SIRES.

John P. Entwisle.....Baltimore, Maryland.
John Welch.....Baltimore, Maryland.
Thomas Scotchburn.....Baltimore, Maryland.
Robert Neilson.....Baltimore, Maryland.
John Pearce.....Philadelphia, Pa.
Frederick Leise.....New York City, N. Y.
William W. Moore.....Washington, D. C.
Horn R. Kneass.....Philadelphia, Pa.
William S. Stewart.....St. Louis, Missouri.
Albert Case.....Charleston, S. Carolina.
Newall A. Thompson.....Boston, Massachusetts.
Asher S. Kellogg.....Detroit, Michigan.
Herman L. Page.....Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Horace A. Manchester.....Providence, R. Island.
George W. Race.....New Orleans, Louisiana.
Timothy G. Senter.....Portsmouth, N. H.
Edward H. Fitzhugh.....Wheeling, Virginia.

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*Died August 15, 1844.
†Died September 19, 1837.
‡Died July, 1858.
§Died December 14, 1855.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

Grand Lodge of the United States,

Held in the City of Baltimore, September, 1859.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1859—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication, when, upon a call of the roll, the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS.

SAMUEL CRAIGHEAD.....M. W. Grand Sire.
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. A. PAUL REPITON.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
ISAAC M. TUCKER.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
SOLOMON H. LEWYT.....W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....W. Grand Messenger.

And Representatives from twenty-three Grand Lodges and eleven Grand Encampments, as follows:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. D. G. M. William H. Young.....Maryland.
P. G. M. D. W. C. Langdon.....Southern New York.
P. G. M. Frederic D. Stuart.....District of Columbia.
P. G. Joseph Richardson.....Delaware.
P. G. M. H. G. Stetson.....Louisiana.
P. G. Jonathan S. Whitaker.....New Jersey.
P. G. M. Amos Shinkle.....Kentucky.
P. G. M. Edward H. Fitzhugh.....Virginia.
P. G. M. James H. Stewart.....Indiana.
P. G. M. William Crutcher.....Mississippi.
P. G. M. Isaac M. Veitch.....Missouri.
P. G. M. A. C. Marsh.....Illinois.
P. G. M. E. G. Storer.....Connecticut.
P. G. M. A. A. Barnes.....Tennessee.
P. G. R. B. Boylston.....South Carolina.
P. G. Alexander McKinstry.....Alabama.
P. G. R. A. Caldwell.....North Carolina.
P. G. M. George W. Adams.....Georgia.
P. G. M. Minot T. Lane.....Michigan.
P. G. L. B. Hills.....Wisconsin.
P. G. John W. Dwinelle.....Northern New York.
P. G. Philo White.....California.
G. M. W. H. Cook.....Nebraska.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. G. P. Joseph B. Escavaille.....Maryland.
P. G. Lemuel C. Zimmerman.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. Jacob H. Clemmer.....Ohio.
P. G. P. W. B. Mason.....Kentucky.
P. G. P. Charles C. Jackson.....Connecticut.
P. G. P. Edward Mitchell.....South Carolina.
P. G. J. W. Charles Nutter.....Maine.
P. G. Benjamin Conley.....Georgia.
P. G. P. Jonathan S. Harvey.....Indiana.
P. G. P. Amasa S. Barry.....Illinois.
G. Scribe William Garrett.....Iowa.

A quorum being present, the Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified, whereupon, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. A. Paul Repiton, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The Chair announced the following Committee on Credentials: Reps. Israel Robinson, of Virginia; Garrett, of Iowa; Stewart of Indiana; Mitchell, of South Carolina; Cook, of Nebraska.

Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia, presented the protest of D. Wilkinson, of Rhode Island, against the right of Thomas Steere, of Rhode

Island, to his seat from the Grand Encampment of that State, which was referred to the Committee on Credentials.

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, the reading of the minutes of last session was dispensed with.

P. G. Patriarch A. Paul Repiton, R. W. Grand Chaplain, not having been present to be installed at the time of his election at the last session, now received the charge appropriate to his office from the M. W. Grand Sire, the Lodge being standing.

Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed, who shall draw for the seats to be occupied by the respective jurisdictions during the present session, after the manner heretofore adopted and pursued.

The Chair named Reps. Stuart, of District of Columbia; E. C. Robinson, of Virginia; and Marsh, of Illinois, as the committee.

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, the Lodge took a recess of one hour to enable the committee on alloting seats to perform their duty.

The hour of recess having expired, the Lodge re-assembled, when—

Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, and the Representatives were seated in conformity thereto:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee appointed by this R. W. Grand Body to draw for seats, to be occupied by the respective jurisdictions during the present session, have performed their duty, with the following result:

Mississippi.....1, 2, 3	New Jersey 54, 55, 56
Vermont..... ...4	Maryland.....57, 58, 59, 60
Pennsylvania.....5, 6, 7, 8	Iowa 61, 62, 63
New Hampshire 9, 10, 11	Delaware..... .....64, 65
Northern New York.....12, 13, 14	British Lower Provinces.....66
Texas.....15, 16, 17	District of Columbia.....67, 68, 69
Kentucky.....18, 19, 20	Virginia 70, 71, 72, 73
Ohio. 21, 22, 23, 24	Missouri 74, 75, 76
Louisiana.....25, 26, 27	North Carolina.....77, 78
Alabama.....28, 29, 30	Connecticut 79, 80, 81
Arkansas 31	Minnesota 82
Illinois.....32, 33, 34, 35	Canada West.....83
Oregon 36	Southern New York.....84, 85, 86
Rhode Island.....37, 38	California.....87, 88, 89
Florida 39	South Carolina.....90, 91, 92
Georgia.....40, 41, 42	Michigan.....93, 94, 95
Indiana.....43, 44, 45, 46	Massachusetts.....96, 97, 98
Nebraska 47	Tennessee 99, 100, 101
Wisconsin 48, 49, 50	Kansas 102
Maine 51, 52, 53	

Respectfully submitted,

FRED. D. STUART,
A. C. MARSH,
E. C. ROBINSON.

Rep. Israel Robinson, of Virginia, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report on the credentials of new members:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report the certificates of the following Representatives in proper form and according to law, and they are entitled to seats on this floor, viz:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. M. William Thayer.....South Carolina.
P G. Wm. G. Webb.....Texas.
P. G. M. James B. Nicholson.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. Abram Lent.....Southern New York.
P. G. F. A. Ellis.....Maryland.
P. G. M. Hiram K. Scott.....Connecticut.
P. G. M. Jacob H. Robinson.....Virginia.
P. G. Simri Smith.....Rhode Island.
P. G. Danl. L. Choate.....Maine.
P. G. M. Jno. T. Clements.....District of Columbia.
P. G. M. Geo. W. Cassedy.....New Jersey.
P. G. Geo. D. Winchell, (vice P. G. M. Craighead, resigned).....Ohio.
P. G. Sec. W. H. H. Prall.....Northern New York
P. G. H. K. Walker.....Tennessee.
P. G. Geo. M. Garwood.....California.
P. G. M. Jacob H. Robinson.....Virginia.
P. G. M. J. F. Schiefer.....Missouri.
P. G. Orson J. Noble.....Minnesota.
P. G. M. E. P. Hunt, (vice H. E. Lockett, resigned) Texas.
P. G. Jno. D. Rodney.....Delaware.
P. G. Quartus H. Barron, (by appointment in place J. A. Sleeper, elected and resigned).....Wisconsin.
P. G. M. Henry Clark.....Vermont.
P. G. M. Wm. Duff Green.....Illinois.
P. G. M. Jno. Hardy.....Alabama.
P. G. M. Caleb Rand.....Massachusetts.
P. G. M. Milton Herndon.....Indiana.
P. G. M. William Marble.....Massachusetts.
P. G. M. George Patten.....Georgia.
P. G. Thos. Partridge.....Canada West.
P G. M. H. L. Bailey.....Mississippi.
P. G. M. B. B. Woodward.....Iowa.
P. G. M. W. Huntington Smith.....Michigan.
P. G. J. O. Nixon.....Louisiana.
P. G. M. Wm. J. Hoke.....North Carolina.
P. G. Thomas Brown.....New Hampshire.
P. G. M. J. M. Mills.....Kentucky.
P. G. M. Wm. C. Earl.....Ohio.
P. G. W. E. Woodruff, jr.....Arkansas.

P. G. M. E. M. Barnum, (vice S. E. May, resigned) Oregon.
P. G. Geo. Damon, (appointed to the first Wednesday in January next, vice A. P. Amaker, elected and resigned)..... Florida.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. G. H. P. James McKinley.....Michigan.
P. G. M. Joseph Kidder.....New Hampshire.
P. G. P. Chris Miller.....Indiana.
P. G. M. S. H. Bailey.....Missouri.
P. G. P. Richard Marley.....Maryland.
P. G. M. Martin B. Harper.....Alabama.
P. G. P. David Kendall.....California.
P. G. P. Thomas F. Bragg.....Louisiana.
P. G. M. E. C. Robinson.....Virginia.
P. G. H. P. William R. McLean.....District of Columbia.
P. G. Sire John A. Kennedy.....Southern New York
P. G. Horace G. Anderson.....Illinois.
P. G. M. Henry B. Andrews.....Texas.
P. G. William P. Taylor.....Pennsylvania.
P. C P. Benjamin C. True.....Ohio.
P. C. P. William A. Strong.....Mississippi.
P. G. M. E. D. Farnsworth.....Tennessee.
P. G. P. Aram Youlen.....Massachusetts.
P. G. David P. White.....Northern New York.
P. G. P. Simon A. Didama, (to represent the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, in the place G. Rep. Volney Green, resigned.)

The committee would further report that the following Grand Bodies are delinquent:

Grand Lodge of Minnesota, for books, $22.
Grand Encampment of New Jersey, for representative tax, $75.
Grand Encampment of Mississippi, for books, $47.50.
Grand Encampment of North Carolina, for representative tax, $276.

In the case of the protest of D. Wilkinson, against the legality of the election of Thomas Steere, to represent the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island, your committee would ask further time to report.

ISRAEL ROBINSON,
WILLIAM GARRETT,
EDWARD MITCHELL,
J. H. STEWART,
W. H. COOK.

On motion of Rep. Mason, of Kentucky, the report was adopted.

The M. W. Grand Sire submitted his annual report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

REPRESENTATIVES: We have again come together from every part of the broad land over which our jurisdiction extends, for the purpose of reviewing and revising the labors of the past, and maturing such measures for the future as shall best advance the interest and honor of

our organization. Entering thus anew upon the discharge of important trusts in behalf of our great cause, it behooves us, as intelligent and responsible creatures, humbly to return our grateful acknowledgments to the Dispenser of all Good for the manifold blessings which have attended our past efforts and to implore His mercy and favor for the future.

The pleasure I have in meeting with you upon this occasion is increased by the satisfaction and hope which the present condition and prospects of the Order are so well calculated to create. During the past year, as citizens and as Odd-Fellows, we have been highly favored indeed. Health, peace, and plenty have abounded in the land; industry, enterprise, and skill, in every department of human effort, have been honored and rewarded; the dark cloud of pecuniary embarrassment, which for a time depressed the energies of our people and retarded the progress of our Order, is fast passing away, and the future is full of brightness and promise.

It is true that from some fields of our vast vineyard the tidings that reach us are not so cheering as I could wish to report. That there are here and there fallings off in numerical strength and financial condition, is not to be disguised. But, upon examination, these apparently unwholesome indications will be found to be local in their character, and, in my judgemnt, they are easily reconciled, upon reasonable and natural principles, with the really healthful and vigorous condition of the Order at large. In the immature days of Odd-Fellowship—when it was less careful and circumspect than at present—many out of mere thoughtlessness, more from idle curiosity, and some from purely selfish motives, sought and obtained admission to our fold. But, never having been imbued with the ennobling principles of brotherhood which constitute the life of our fraternity, they have proved unworthy, and have, to a large extent and in various ways, during the last few years, gone out from among us.

But current events indicate that the *winnowing period* is approaching its end, and that our Order, sharing in the returning prosperity of the country, is moving forward on its high and holy mission with a new and confident impulse. Be it our duty to see that it is so directed that the great interests of humanity shall be advanced through its instrumentalities.

One of the causes which, during the past year, has contributed to quicken the latent spirit of Odd-Fellowship in many parts of our jurisdiction, is the manner in which our anniversary of the 26th of April last was observed. The national celebration of the day at the City of New York, under the auspices of this Grand Lodge, was an event of much interest and importance. The large number of brethren—many of them from distant parts of the country—who attended upon the ceremonies, and the handsome manner in which every important duty of the day was discharged, made the occasion one long to be remembered with pride, and pleasure, and profit by every Odd-Fellow who had the privilege of enjoying it. Nor is its influence confined to the Order alone. Such celebrations are valuable to us, not merely as

seasons of refreshment and delight to those who engage in them, but, challenging public attention, as they always do, to the principles and aims of our association, they are sure to result in securing the favorable regard of the generous and the just—the wise and the good of every party and every sect. The accounts which I have received of the general observance of the day by local celebrations throughout the extent of our entire jurisdiction, and the results that are already flowing therefrom, are of the most satisfactory character, and attest the sagacity and wisdom of those who initiated this great jubilee of the Order. Let us then not fail hereafter to observe, as far as practicable, the 26th of April as a day sacred and peculiar to Odd-Fellowship.

For more full and exact information upon the subject I beg leave to direct your attention to the report which will doubtless be made to you by the committee to whom the matter was specially referred at the last session. I recommend that suitable provision be made for collecting in proper form, for preservation and distribution, the memorials of the day that are being received at the office of our Grand Secretary.

Passing from these general views to a more particular detail of the events that have occurred during the past year, it is my sad duty to record the demise of several distinguished Odd-Fellows, who have heretofore been members of this Grand Body. P. G. Rep. Matthew Purdin, of California; P. G. Rep. Charles Whitall, of Louisiana; P. G. Rep. William Bayley, of Maryland; and P. G. Rep. William G. Williams, of Ohio, have departed this life since our last session. They were all able, earnest, and faithful workers in our cause, and entitled to the highest reward—the grateful remembrance of those who are devoted to the Order they served so well.

The form for public installations, with the preparation of which your elective officers were charged at the last session, was completed early last fall, and has been in use since the first day of January last. I should not omit to mention here that said officers are indebted to Rep. C. E. Buckingham, of Massachusetts, for valuable advice and assistance in the discharge of this duty. While this form will doubtless be hereafter improved, it is hoped that it may answer the wants of the Order until experience and observation shall indicate the manner in which it can be best amended. "Odd-Fellowship is progressive in its character." Public installations, when properly conducted, are evidently destined to become an interesting and popular feature of our association. Indeed, from all the information I have been able to obtain on the subject, this law is well received by the Order, and, where installations have been had under it, they have generally excited public interest and have naturally been followed by profitable results.

No applications for new Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment charters have been received during the recess. This, however, when properly considered, cannot occasion surprise; for in no part of our jurisdiction is there more zeal and energy in behalf of our cause than in most of our frontier settlements, from which such applications hereafter are most likely to come. But the truth is, these fields are, for most part, already well occupied, and the increase of Grand Bodies

must, therefore, necessarily for a time be slow. But I doubt not that in time to come, as in time past, our Order will follow closely upon the "march of empire," and assist in laying the foundations of new and noble communities, in which its blessings shall be acknowledged forever.

In this connection, however, I beg to suggest that the resolution passed at our last session, and to be found on page 2996 of the revised journal, declaring it inexpedient, &c. to grant any charter for opening a Grand Body unless there shall be under the jurisdiction of the proposed body at least one thousand contributing members at the date of the application for such charter, is directly opposed to the spirit of the fourth article of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, under which charters have heretofore been issued. Whatever doubts may exist as to our true policy in this particular, all must admit the propriety of harmony in our laws. I therefore suggest that either this resolution or the by-law referred to should be modified or repealed.

On the 14th day of February last, I issued a warrant for the first Encampment in Kansas Territory. By virtue of said warrant "Far West Encampment, No. 1," was, by Rep. J. C. Hemingray, duly instituted on the 14th day of March, 1859, at Leavenworth, and has, as I learn, ever since been doing well.

The charter of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, located at Santa Fe, in New Mexico, has been recently surrendered. In forwarding said charter, the District Deputy Grand Sire of that jurisdiction assures me that practical Odd-Fellowship is still alive and will yet flourish in that region; that it was solely on account of certain discordant elements that had crept into the Lodge, which could not be got rid of in any other way, and not for want of proper interest in the Order, that this charter has been given given up. In proof of this, we have, accompanying the return of said charter, an application for a new Lodge and also one for a new Encampment to be located at Santa Fe—the applicants for each being highly endorsed by that efficient and reliable officer, District Deputy Grand Sire J. B. Grayson. These petitions are herewith submitted to your careful consideration.

The cost of sustaining Grand Encampments is evidently becoming too great for some of the smaller and weaker jurisdictions. The Grand Encampment of Delaware voluntarily surrendered its charter in February last. Thereupon I appointed P. G. Rep. Henry Eckel District Deputy Grand Sire. Under his excellent supervision the Subordinate Encampments of that jurisdiction have been working with spirit and success.

In connection with this subject I desire to call your attention to the state of the law as to granting final cards to such members of defunct Lodges and Encampments as were in good standing at the time their Lodges or Encampments ceased to exist. The matter was before this Grand Lodge at its last session, and the Legislative Committee reported a general law on the subject authorizing District Deputy Grand Sires and others, upon certain conditions, to grant such cards. This was recommitted with instructions to report that the subject was one for local

legislation. The committee so reported and the report thus made was adopted. This law doubtless answers very well for jurisdictions that have Grand Bodies capable of legislating in the premises. But it is plainly inapplicable to such Subordinate Lodges and Encampments as are under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge. Where there is no local legislature, there can be no local legislation. I therefore respectfully recommend that District Deputy Grand Sires be empowered, under proper restrictions, to grant final cards to members of defunct Lodges or Encampments within their respective jurisdictions.

The Grand Encampment of North Carolina having made no report to this Grand Lodge for several years past, I have endeavored to ascertain its true condition and prospects. By a letter recently received from Richard J. Jones, the Grand Scribe of that jurisdiction, I learn that said body meets regularly and performs all its duties, save that of reporting to the Grand Lodge of the United States. This is omitted because it is without funds to pay its dues. For several years prior to the last no additions were made to the number of its Subordinates; but within the last twelve months, two new Encampments have been chartered by it. My correspondent is encouraged by these hopeful signs, and is of opinion that if it could regain its good standing with this Grand Lodge its troubles would be at an end. Advised that some application in this behalf will likely be addressed to this body during its present session, I have deferred executive action in the premises.

I have great pleasure in calling your attention to a petition from the Victoria Grand Lodge of Australian Odd-Fellows, praying for recognition by and inter-communion with us, and for a charter upon the same terms as that issued some years ago to "The Grand Lodge of British North America." This application is accompanied by an exceedingly interesting communication from the Secretary of said Grand Lodge to our R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, giving a most satisfactory account of the origin, progress, and present condition of the Order in that remote colony. From this communication it appears that the Grand Lodge of Victoria derived its powers from the Grand Lodge of Sydney, N. S. Wales, whose charter emanated from the Grand Lodge of England, "as did that of the sister colony of Tasmania," where, according to a previous communication from the same source, "the Order has flourished wonderfully."

There are now seven Subordinates under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Victoria—one having been instituted recently. They are all in excellent financial condition and seem to be imbued with the genuine spirit of Odd-Fellowship. During the prevalence of the "gold fever" in Australia the correspondence which had theretofore been maintained with the Grand Lodge of England was suspended, and has not since been resumed. And now, realizing their isolated condition, and yearning for closer communion with their brethren abroad, they respectfully and fraternally seek affiliation with us.

While I am sure that every Representative present will salute with unfeigned delight the standard of our Order that has been so gallantly unfurled and upheld in that distant quarter of the globe, and be willing

to give to those who faithfully stand by it a cheering word and helping hand, yet it is not to be forgotten that there are questions of policy to be considered in connection with this application. Our experience in connection with the Manchester Unity and the Grand Lodge of British North America should admonish us to prudence in attempting to erect independent sovereignties in Odd-Fellowship. The great distance between the seat of this Grand Lodge and Melbourne, the seat of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, increases the difficulty as to uniformity of work and use of a common A. T. P. W. There can, of course, be no objection to the interchange of fraternal greetings and of such information concerning the Order in each jurisdiction as may prove mutually pleasant and profitable. In addition to this I trust that some means may be devised, by which these, our Australian brethren, may be strengthened and encouraged to continue in the good work they have so well begun.

During the recess my official correspondence has not been very great. The whole of it is herewith submitted for your consideration. From it I beg leave here to present the following decisions:

First. The General Relief Committee of New Orleans was organized some years since for the purpose of affording relief to Odd-Fellows in that city from other jurisdictions, who might be in need. Said committee was composed of the Junior Past Grands of the several Subordinate Lodges of said city, and had been recognised as a legal body by the State Grand Lodge. Upon this state of facts I held, that, although said Relief Committee was doubtless a very valuable auxiliary to the Order in said city, yet, acting as a separate organization, different from and independent of the Subordinate Lodges, it was but a voluntary association, over which the State Grand Lodge had no legal power, and that said Relief Committee could not be compelled to adopt for its government such Constitution and By-Laws as the State Grand Lodge might propose.

Second. When the holder of a withdrawal card has, within a few months after its issue, deposited the same in, and thereby become a member of, another Lodge, the Lodge issuing such a card has no power to annul it.

Third. That it is competent for a State Grand Lodge to prescribe, by law, that all applications for visiting or withdrawal cards must be in person or in writing.

Fourth. In answer to the question, "Has the Grand Patriarch the power to prohibit a public display of the secret emblems and working costumes of the Patriarchal branch of the order?" I held that, unless the Grand Encampment constitution limits the general superintending authority incident to his office, the Grand Patriarch has, as a part of such superintending authority, the right to interdict any public display of emblems or secret working costumes of the Encampment under his jurisdiction which, in his judgment, may prove prejudicial to that branch of the Order. But if the general prerogatives of the Grand Patriarch are so limited by constitution, then the Grand Encampment only can interpose.

Fifth. That, as the law now stands, District Deputy Grand Sires have no power to grant withdrawal cards to the members of defunct Encampments.

Sixth. It is not competent for a Lodge or an Encampment to try a deceased member, or deprive his widow of the benefits allowed by the laws—her husband having been beneficial and not under any charges at the time of his decease.

Seventh. In answer to the question, "Do the dues of one joining an Encampment commence at the time he receives the Patriarchal Degree or at the time he receives the Royal Purple Degree?" I held that, as the Grand Lodge of the United States had not passed upon the precise question, as the practice of the different State jurisdictions has not been uniform in regard to it, and as many matters closely connected with this have been, by express authority of this Grand Lodge, referred to the State jurisdictions, the time at which the dues of an initiate in an Encampment should commence is to be fixed by each State or Territorial jurisdiction for itself; and that where there is no State or Territorial law upon the subject, the established custom is to have the force and effect of positive law.

Eighth. If, under the law authorizing public installations, any controversy arise between an elective Grand Officer and a District Deputy Grand Master as to which shall conduct such installation, the elective Grand Officer, being superior in rank, shall have precedence.

Ninth. Where a brother living remote from his Lodge sends to its Treasurer instead of its Secretary his dues, and said Treasurer fails at the next meeting of his Lodge to report the payment of the same, and before another meeting the brother dies, the Lodge cannot withhold the funeral benefits authorized by its laws—the Treasurer reporting and paying such dues to the Lodge at said second meeting. The Treasurer is an agent of his Lodge and the proper custodian of its funds, and to refuse benefits under such circumstances would not be consistent with the just and liberal spirit of our laws.

The finances of this body again claim your attention. During the year loans have been negotiated from time to time, by the authority and upon the credit of this Grand Lodge, for the purpose of meeting its necessary expenses. These loans, I am advised by the Grand Treasurer, have all been paid out of the receipts for the year, and the balance now remaining in the treasury will be found about to be equal to the sum therein at this date last year; while the amount due and likely to be paid during the present session will (as nearly as can be ascertained at the time of making up this report) be about the same as was paid during the last session. It will, therefore, be necessary further to pledge the credit of this Grand Lodge, in order to raise funds with which to assist in paying the mileage and per diem of the present session and the large expenses of printing, &c. necessary to be incurred and paid soon after the adjournment, and before any corresponding amount of revenue is likely to be received. This state of things is to be regretted. Indeed I am constrained to believe that if it continues much longer the character and influence of this body must be

impaired by it. Almost any other association possessed of our resources could with impunity continue to carry a debt much greater than we at any time incur; but when we consider this Grand Lodge standing out to the world as the head and front of a great benevolent organization which has just pride in its elements of wealth, as a means of charity, I submit that it is inconsistent with its position and dignity, and subversive of its moral power, thus to continue our present system, *unless it affords a reasonable prospect of early relief.* Whether such prospect now exists or not, you will doubtless be able to determine from an examination of the reports of our Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, in connection with other data at hand. When this point is settled our true course will be easily seen. If it shall appear that there is no probability of our revenue increasing more rapidly than our expenditures for a few years hence, then, in my judgment, interest and honor alike dictate that such changes should at once be made in our revenue laws as will effectually relieve our treasury department. But in considering this matter it is to be remembered that the necessity for these loans commenced as early as the year 1856; that since that time our expenditures and our receipts have been about equal; that but for the cost of the membership plate (authorized at our last session) and of the anniversary celebration, we should be in better financial condition to-day than at this time last year; that from neither of these have we as yet derived revenue, while from the former it is but reasonable to suppose that considerable will hereafter arise; and out of the anniversary proceedings—which I presume are to be collated, published, and sold—we may hope to realize the amount in that behalf expended. It is further to be considered, in this connection, that if we pursue the policy inaugurated at our last session in reference to the organization of new Grand Bodies, we shall not, in all probability, add much to our expenditures in that way very soon, while the opening of new and shorter routes of travel will, ere long, reduce the heavy item of mileage. But, then, upon the other hand—looking to the commanding position and extensive relations of this Grand Lodge and to a liberal and comprehensive administration of its affairs—it is to be considered that, as in the past, there may be in the future, a necessity for extraordinary expenses.

As mere measures of finance several propositions have been made, and are now pending, to amend the Constitution of this Grand Body. By adopting any or either of them the desired relief would doubtless be at once obtained. But unless it is found, upon a careful survey of the whole subject, that there is a clear and absolute necessity for it, our fundamental law should not thus be disturbed. When we consider the probable effects of such radical changes as are involved in the proposed amendments, it will be apparent that relief thus obtained might turn out to have been too dearly purchased. We are, without doubt, largely indebted to our present system of annual sessions and full membership for the great influence and authority of this Body over the Order at large, and surely we cannot too carefully conserve such power. But I have said enough to insure your attention to this important

question. It is admitted to be one of doubt and difficulty. To your enlightened judgment it is now commended for solution.

And now, having given a brief and imperfect outline of my "superintendence of the Order" and of my "official acts and decisions during the recess," allow me, in conclusion, to express the hope that your deliberations may be characterized by such harmony, prudence, and wisdom as shall contribute to the perpetuity and usefulness of our Order, and cause the present session to be long and gratefully remembered by it.

S. CRAIGHEAD, *Grand Sire.*

The Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted his annual report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary respectfully submits his annual report. The duties enjoined upon him to be performed during the recess, are comprised within the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to present one copy of the bound Journals and Digest of the Laws and Proceedings of the Grand Lodge to each Grand Representative who has not previously received one from the Grand Lodge.

2. That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he hereby is authorized to correspond with the Australian Grand Lodge, informing them of the action heretofore taken in the acknowledgment of the independent organization in British North America, and asking their Lodge action in making officially known to this Grand Lodge their wishes for a recognition by us of their organization.

3. *Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Sire and the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary be requested to have the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order of this Grand Lodge, as they have been amended up to the termination of this session, inserted at the conclusion of the corrected proceedings.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary be also requested to collect the various amendments to the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order, which may have been presented at this session, and place them in regular order at the conclusion of the corrected proceedings; it being understood that these memoranda shall not be published in the bound volume.

4. *Resolved*, That the Grand Officers be a committee to prepare a form for public installation, and that this Grand Lodge adopt any form that the committee may unanimously agree upon; and that when prepared general notice be given through the several Grand Secretaries and Scribes, and that it be published in pamphlet form.

5. *Resolved*, That in testimony of the respect which the Grand Lodge entertains for the memory of P. G. Sire Howell Hopkins, the proceedings had, touching his death, be spread at large upon the Journal, and a copy of the same be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

6. *Resolved*, That in testimony of the respect and sympathy of this Grand Lodge for the memory of P. G. Rep. Wallace, of Connecticut, they do hereby direct that the proceedings had, touching his death, be recorded at length in the Journal of this body, and a copy of the same transmitted to the widow and family of the deceased.

7. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be requested to transmit a copy of the proceedings upon the death of P. G. T. H. Hardenbaugh to the family of the deceased, with the seal of the Lodge affixed, immediately on the adjournment of this Grand Body.

8. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be and he is hereby directed to

cause to be appended to the printed proceedings the names and residences of the P. G. Sires and P. D. G. Sires of this Grand Lodge.

9. That the R. W. Grand Secretary be directed to lay the subject of the proposed celebration of the fortieth anniversary of the Order before the various State jurisdictions in a circular, and urge their concurrence therein, and that the Representatives in this Grand Lodge be requested to earnestly commend this matter to their respective Grand Bodies.

10. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, at the opening of every annual commuication of this R. W. Grand Lodge, to place in the hands of the Grand Sire a written statement showing the name or names of any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which may be indebted to this Grand Lodge, with the amount of said indebtedness, which statement shall be placed by the Grand Sire in the hands of the Committee on Credentials, immediately upon the appointment of said committee, so that the said committee may be able to make their report in conformity to the eleventh article of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge.

11. Four weeks previous to the holding of any session of this Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, through one daily paper of each of the cities of Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York, to invite proposals for the printing of the Journal of this Body, the printer to furnish the necessary paper, and to stitch and cover the Journal, ready for distribution--the printing to be done according to the style of the Revised Journal, and the matter to be stereotyped and the plates to be delivered to the Grand Secretary, in good order, as the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as a sufficient number of copies are struck off to meet the purposes of the law requiring the distribution of the proceedings, which number the Grand Secretary must state, as near as practicable, in the advertisement. And such proposals for the said work as may be received shall be filed away by the Grand Secretary, with their seals unbroken, until twelve o'clock noon of the first day of the session therein designated, after which time no more proposals shall be received, and such as shall have been received shall be placed in the hands of the Committee on Printing, to be by them opened, examined, and decided upon.

12. That the mileage account of Rep. Benjamin Verner be stated by the R. W. G. Secretary to Bro. Verner, with a request that the excess paid to him be returned to the Grand Lodge.

The first resolution has been carried into effect; the compliance with which, together with the sales made during the year, has exhausted the entire edition of the three first volumes of the Journal. There remains on hand of the fourth volume about seven hundred copies, and the proceedings of the Grand Lodge since the publication of the fourth volume, comprising the sessions of 1856–7–8 and 9, inclusive, will supply sufficient material for a fifth volume. The exhaustion of the edition of the three first volumes will render sales of the fourth and fifth volumes comparatively small, and the want of the entire Journal will be a serious deprivation to the Brotherhood at large. The publication of the Journal with indexes has cost the Grand Lodge a large sum, and its sale has produced no commensurate return, the proceeds of which not having reached one-half the outlay for the work. Nine hundred and ninety-two copies formed the edition of the three first volumes, and one thousand copies the edition of the fourth volume: of this number five hundred and forty-eight copies of volumes 1, 2 and 3, and two hundred and twenty-five copies of volume 4, have been donated to Grand Representatives and to State Grand Bodies, by resolutions of the Grand Lodge: hence the revenue has failed to be remunerative. This state of facts is submitted for the purpose of apprizing the Grand Lodge of the large expense incident to a republication of

volumes 1, 2 and 3 of the Journal, and of an edition of volume 5, and also of the comparatively limited revenue to be expected from the sale of the work: nevertheless, a continuous supply of the entire Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States is invaluable to the Brotherhood, especially to the Grand Representatives, who cannot be expected to deliberate intelligently without ready access to the recorded legislation of the supreme head of the Order. Many of the Grand Representatives, it is true, may be in possession of the work, but as this membership is constantly undergoing change, a large majority of the Body will from necessity be without it. A new edition is, therefore, imperatively necessary. The question arises, is the financial condition of the Grand Lodge adequate to the expense? The cost of the present edition, including digested indexes and engravings, was about five thousand dollars; a new edition of the three first volumes may be cheapened considerably by compressing volumes 1, 2 and 3 into two, and excluding the Digest from volume 3, which now forms nearly one-half of the book. This may be done without prejudice to the work, by a republication of the Digest in a separate and independent form. If this suggestion be deemed worthy of consideration, a new volume can be formed of the proceedings since 1855 up to the present session, inclusive, and an Index to that matter be superadded to the new edition of the Digest. The whole work thus arranged, the Corresponding Secretary is informed by the printer, with the engraved portraits of P. G. Sire Race and the present M. W. G. Sire, comprehending an edition of one thousand copies of each volume, and one thousand copies of the new Digest, inclusive of the present session, might be published at an outlay of about four thousand dollars.

In obedience to the second resolution, the Corresponding Secretary had the pleasure of transmitting to the Grand Lodge of Australian Odd-Fellows on the 26th of December, 1858, a full copy of all the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, touching the Independent Organization of the Grand Lodge of British North America, accompanied by a communication, setting forth in detail the proper course to be pursued by that Body, to enable it to bring about a recognition of its organization by the Grand Lodge of the United States. This dispatch was forwarded to the care of the distinguished R. W. G. Secretary of the Grand Lodge of California, Rep. T. Rogers Johnson, and reached its destination, under his auspices, in safety. A copy of that paper is herewith submitted. I have very great pleasure in reporting that a reply has been received to the communication of the Corresponding Secretary, under date of the 17th June, 1859, and over the signature of W. E. Langley, Grand Secretary. This paper presents a most interesting account of the origin, form of government, condition and extent of Odd-Fellowship in Australia, and evidences an earnest desire of the constituted authorities to affiliate with American Odd-Fellowship. The dispatch is transmitted under the authority and by virtue of a resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of Victoria, attested by the signatures of the Grand Officers of that Body, with the seal of the Grand Lodge attached. This community of Odd-Fellows, it ap

pears, was organized by the Grand Lodge of England, I. O. O. F., under a charter for the formation of a Grand Lodge at Sydney, New South Wales: from that Body the Lodges in Australia and its sister colony, Tasmania, originated. This organization now comprehends a Grand Lodge and seven Subordinates, all in the most prosperous circumstances. There exists in the colony also two other organizations styled Odd-Fellows, the one under the jurisdiction of the Manchester Unity, the other by authority of the Grand United Order of Odd-Fellows of England, each acting independently of the other, and recognising no affiliation.

Accompanying this communication is a regular and formal application for a Grand Charter recognising the Grand Lodge of Victoria as an independent sovereignty in Odd-Fellowship, upon the basis of the grant made to British North America by the Grand Lodge of the United States. Should this application be favorably entertained, the sum of £20 sterling is enclosed in payment for books, cards, and other supplies, to enable the Lodge at once to adopt the work, ritual, and discipline of American Odd-Fellowship. Herewith the correspondence is submitted.

The Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order, as they have been amended up to the termination of this session, and the various proposed amendments to the same, which were presented at the last session, have been collated by the M. W. G. Sire and R. W. G. Corresponding and Recording Secretary, as directed by the third resolution, and will be found appended to the Revised Journal of the last session.

The fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh resolutions have been carried into effect.

The eighth resolution has also been complied with, and the names of the Past Grand Sires and Past Deputy Grand Sires are appended to the printed Journal.

The Corresponding Secretary, early after the close of the last session, set on foot measures to carry out in the most effective manner the direction given to him in the ninth resolution, touching the celebration of the fortieth anniversary of American Odd-Fellowship. A circular was prepared, printed, and transmitted to the several State and Territorial Jurisdictions, and to each Subordinate Lodge and Encampment under the immediate charge of the Grand Lodge of the United States, setting forth the entire proceeding on the subject at the last session, accompanied with an earnest request that prompt consideration might be given to the suggestion, and that whatever action was had in the premises by the several departments of the Order should be communicated to the Corresponding Secretary at an early day.

The undersigned essayed in his communication to invest the subject and the occasion with all the interest which appropriately attached to it; the resolution unanimously adopted by the Parent Grand Body of the Order to commemorate the day in a signal manner, was commended by the undersigned to their approbation, as indicative of a purpose on the part of that distinguished Body, in view of the success which the mission of Odd-Fellowship had achieved through the instrumentality

of Divine Providence, to inaugurate the occasion as a new era in the Order, and to consecrate its advent in all future time as the Sabbath of Odd-Fellowship. Nobly, indeed, did the Brotherhood at large respond to the invocation thus addressed to it, and the great moral spectacle was exhibited on the 26th April, 1859, of thousands and tens of thousands of men banded in the cause of human benefaction, united around one common altar, in humble thanksgiving for the rich favor of Heaven already vouchsafed to their labors, and in fervent prayer for a continuance of the Divine Blessing. In every quarter of the jurisdiction remote from the place appointed for the general celebration the greatest enthusiasm was displayed, and the day was celebrated by processions, orations, and other appropriate ceremonies.

The Corresponding Secretary has received many very interesting, and, in some instances, quite voluminous accounts of the several State celebrations, which have been carefully preserved, and are on file in his office. It would be invidious for him to discriminate, where every jurisdiction has responded so promptly and so magnanimously to that high sense of gratitude for the Divine favor which the occasion was so eminently calculated to superinduce. The material is herewith presented, and is well worthy of being collated and preserved in an enduring form, to the honor of the distinguished Body from which the idea emanated, and as an example to our latest posterity in the Order.

In addition to the duty assigned the Corresponding Secretary by the ninth resolution, that officer was charged with other responsibilities in this connexion: he was honored by the Grand Lodge with the appointment of chairman of the committee of arrangements for the general celebration at the city of New York. In the performance of the duties of that position he called the general committee together immediately after the close of the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which body detailed the entire superintendence and direction of the general celebration at the city of New York upon an executive committee composed of the following brethren: G. Sec'y Jas. L. Ridgely, P. G. Sire Jno. A. Kennedy, Reps. Dwinelle of N. N. York, Stuart of D. of Col., and Clayton of S. N. Y. A majority of this committee assembled pursuant to an agreement to that effect, at the city of New York, and arranged the plan and details for the national celebration, printed copies of which were freely distributed throughout the Order. The undersigned will not entrench upon the prerogative of the committee, by any reference to the character of the celebration at the city of New York, further than to remark that truly an avalanche of Odd-Fellows was there, at the head of which was the M. W. G. Sire, Samuel Craighead, from his distant home in the State of Ohio. It was, indeed, a mighty gathering in a noble cause. With but one exception, the display made on that occasion was the greatest pageant of the Order which has ever been witnessed in the United States. It was estimated that five thousand brethren at the least were in the line of procession, and that a gathering of ten thousand was assembled in the public park, in whose presence Grand Rep. Boylston, of S. C., pronounced an address replete with literary beauty, eloquence, and historical interest. Long will the occa-

sion be remembered with pride and pleasure by every Odd-Fellow who was a participant in its festivities, and to his latest day will he cherish its reminiscence as among the most interesting incidents of his life. Among the most effective ceremonies of the day was the solemn and impressive religious service, performed with all the commanding awe and grandeur which belongs to the Episcopal form of Christian worship, at the Broadway Tabernacle, by the Rev. Brethren E. M. P. Wells, of Massachusetts, and J. M. Willey, of Connecticut, accompanied with appropriate sacred melody from a full choir. To the Grand Lodge of Southern New York is the Grand Lodge of the United States and the Order at large greatly indebted for the entire arrangements of the day, which it may well be conceived involved no inconsiderable labor, responsibility, and cost, in view of the splendor of the pageant and the magnitude of the details appropriate to so grand a celebration. No provision having been made at the last session to defray the expense incident to its own participation in the celebration by the Grand Lodge of the United States, the bills rendered in that connexion are herewith presented.

The tenth resolution has been obeyed, and herewith is submitted a statement showing the names of such Grand Bodies as are indebted to the Grand Lodge of the United States, with the amount of such indebtedness.

The duty enjoined by the eleventh resolution, being the twenty-eighth article of the By-Laws, has been carried into effect, and the several proposals received for the public printing are herewith submitted under seal.

In conformity to the twelfth resolution, the Corresponding Secretary addressed a letter to Bro. Benjamin Verner, since the last communication, making the request that the excess of mileage paid to him be returned to the Grand Lodge of the United States; to which communication a satisfactory reply, with the amount claimed, has been received.

The form for public installation was received from the committee appointed to prepare the same, and distributed as directed by resolution of the Grand Lodge, on and after the 1st January, 1859. I have great pleasure in reporting that, from every jurisdiction in which it was authorized to be used, the most favorable impression has been produced by it.

The new diploma authorized at the last session has been executed, and has given general satisfaction. I am indebted to P. G. M. Frederic D. Stuart for the design, and for his invaluable aid in getting it up. In consequence of unavoidable delay in receiving it, no material revenue has been derived from this source as yet. It is now, however, ready for sale, and will commend itself, I have no doubt, to the patronage of the brotherhood.

Communications have been received from several of the State Grand Lodges, in answer to the resolution adopted at the last session, requesting an expression of opinion upon the basis of representation in the Grand Lodge of the United States, which are herewith submitted.

The journals of proceedings of the several State jurisdictions have been received as follows:

Grand Lodge of Maryland, one bound volume, from 1856 to 1859, inclusive
" " " January and July, 1859.
" " Florida, one bound volume, from 1850 to 1858, inclusive.
" " " January, 1859.
" " Massachusetts, February, 1859.
" " Pennsylvania, May 21, 1858, to May 20, 1859.
" " Delaware, January 21, 1857, to June 9, 1858.
" " Ohio, one bound volume, from 1851 to 1858.
" " " annual session, 1859.
" " Kentucky, November, 1858.
" " Virginia, April, 1859.
" " Indiana, November, 1858.
" " Mississippi, July, 1858.
" " Missouri, December, 1858, and May, 1859.
" " Connecticut, February, 1859.
" " Texas, February, 1859.
" " Alabama, February, 1859.
" " South Carolina, January and July, 1859.
" " North Carolina, November, 1858.
" " Michigan, January, 1859.
" " Wisconsin, January, 1859.
" " Iowa, October, 1858.
" " Arkansas, November, 1858.
" " Northern New York, August, 1858.
" " Oregon, May, 1858.
" " California, May, 1859.
" " Canada West, August, 1858.
" " Kansas, October, 1858.
" " Nebraska, September, 1858.
" " New Hampshire, August, 1859.

Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, from June 1, 1858, to May 31, 1859.
" " Kentucky, November, 1858.
" " Virginia, August, 1858.
" " Missouri, May, 1859.
" " District of Columbia, January, 1858.
" " Louisiana, February, 1859.
" " Wisconsin, January, 1859.
" " Northern New York, August, 1858.
" " California, May, 1859.

The annual returns of several of the State Grand Bodies are not in hand at the time of preparing this report; hence the Corresponding Secretary cannot present an accurate tabular statement of the condition of the Order.

The usual general summary of the state of the Order, made up from such returns as have been received, and from the official correspondence of this office, is annexed.

British North America.—The Order continues to prosper in Canada West, comprising twelve Lodges at active work. The annual report has been received.

Lower Provinces of British North America.—The report from this jurisdiction is highly flattering. The Order has increased materially and is sound and healthful.

Michigan.—Under date of August 16, 1859, the efficient Grand Se-

cretary of this jurisdiction, Bro. Verner, writes as follows: "Grand Master B. W. Dennis, of this State, has done more for Odd-Fellowship in it than years before have accomplished—reviving defunct Lodges and instituting new ones. The present report will not show its effect, yet the future will. His whole time since January has been devoted to visiting Lodges and encouraging them in the good work."

Vermont.—I learn from Grand Representative Clarke that the Order in Vermont is animated by a good spirit, although it has not advanced. A brighter day, he thinks, is now dawning upon its fortunes, and there is a good prospect of the institution of several new Lodges.

Maine.—The Order in this State is in a more prosperous condition than during the former year. The Lodges, especially in the western portion of the State, have increased their membership. Grand Secretary Kingsbury writes as follows: "The returns to our Grand Lodge show the commencement, as I think, of a healthy reaction. We believe we have reached the *turning point*, and shall now hope for better times."

Massachusetts.—The annual report from this jurisdiction shows a decided improvement; the number of initiations has increased, and that of suspensions has decreased, and the general tone of the Order is highly encouraging.

New Hampshire.—The Order in this State is in a sound and healthy condition. The Encampment branch is improving.

Rhode Island.—The annual report from Rhode Island indicates a prosperous condition of the Order.

Connecticut.—The Order is prosperous in this State.

Southern New York.—I have great pleasure in saying that the annual report from this jurisdiction is more favorable than for several years past, showing an increase of initiations and a reduction of suspensions for non-payment of dues. This state of facts, together with an apparent increased interest taken by the membership, induces the worthy Grand Secretary, Bro. John J. Davies, to hope that a favorable turn is about taking place in the Order in Southern New York.

Northern New York.—I am indebted to Grand Secretary W. H. H. Prall, of Northern New York, for continuous and interesting correspondence with this office. Under date of 23d August, 1859, he advises me that the Order in that jurisdiction has materially improved during the past year, and every indication exists that its future career will be one of gradual, but permanent prosperity.

New Jersey.—The annual report does not indicate much progress during the past year.

Pennsylvania.—The annual report of this vast jurisdiction has been received, as usual, in good time. From this report it appears that three new Lodges have been instituted during the year, and the Order is generally prosperous.

Delaware.—Two new Lodges have been formed in this State, and two hundred and thirty-three initiations have been made during the year, which, considering the comparative state of the Order in that jurisdiction heretofore, is a great accession of strength to the brother-

hood, and evinces great zeal in the cause. This result the efficient Grand Master of the State in a good degree attributes to the great success which attended the State celebration of the fortieth anniversary of Odd-Fellowship, on 26th April, 1859. By that display he thinks the cause of Odd-Fellowship has been greatly enhanced and the membership increased. The charter and effects of the Grand Encampment of Delaware have been surrendered, in conformity to notice given at the last session, and the Subordinates are now under this immediate jurisdiction. The report of D. D. G. Sire H. Eckel is herewith submitted.

Maryland.—Odd-Fellowship in this good old jurisdiction stands where it ever has stood: erect, sound, healthful, and always advancing in every department of the Order. The annual report evinces a gain over all former years in the resources of her Lodges. The Educational and Library departments of the Order in this State reflect the highest honor upon the Brotherhood. The number of children now in charge of the Committee on Education is 1,296, and the number of volumes in their Library is nearly 15,000. The Grand Lodge of the State has during the year added a new south wing to the Odd-Fellows' Hall, and enlarged and most beautifully improved the saloon appropriated for the sittings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, by which the comfort and convenience of the Grand Representatives will be much promoted. Well may Maryland, the *Alma Mater* of the Order, rejoice at the eminent success which has crowned a labor of forty years in the cause of Odd-Fellowship.

District of Columbia.—The Order in this District, in the language of the Grand Secretary, Bro. Bangs, "is progressing prosperously and all things are working healthfully and in harmony."

Virginia.—The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Virginia was obliged to close his report on the 26th of August without the semi-annual reports of twenty Lodges, which were due on July 1, 1859; hence a very imperfect idea can be formed of the progress of the Order in this State during the year: nevertheless, in so far as Lodge reports have been received, there was evidence of decided progress in the Order.

North Carolina.—The annual report from this State shows an increase of Lodges and membership, and a healthy condition of the Order under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Encampment of this State has failed to report for several years.

South Carolina.—The esteemed Grand Secretary of South Carolina, Bro. Edward Mitchell, in transmitting the annual report, under date of 22d August, writes that the returns will show a slow, but decided increase over last year. A feeling of fraternity has lately sprung up which promises much good, which he thinks will stimulate members to more activity in future.

Georgia.—The annual report has been received, and the Order, although not advancing, appears to be in a healthy state. One new Lodge has been formed during the year.

Florida.—Chipola Encampment, No. 3, has been instituted during the year under favorable auspices, and the Grand Lodge report shows the jurisdiction to be prosperous.

Mississippi.—The annual report of this Grand Lodge was received in proper season, as has ever been the case during the official term of Grand Secretary John B. Dick. That very efficient brother writes that "there seems to be a love for the noble principles we profess that cannot die out, though the fires burn but dimly in a few localities. Four new Lodges were organized during the year, and a revival of the work is manifest.

Alabama.—The worthy Grand Secretary of this State, Bro. J. J. T. Wilson, in transmitting the annual report, writes as follows: "The Order in this jurisdiction is in a more flourishing condition than it has been for two or three years past, and the last six months' reports show a decided improvement. We do not increase the number of Lodges, nor of members, to any great extent, but in the last twelve months the receipts of Subordinate Lodges have exceeded the receipts of the preceding twelve months by 10 per cent.; besides, I am satisfied from my correspondence with Secretaries of Subordinates, that there is a renewed interest being taken in the Order by old members."

Louisiana.—By advices from Grand Secretary Henry Bier, of this jurisdiction, I learn that although there is an apparent stand still in the Order, there is an ardent desire among the old members to stimulate the younger portion, and to instill into their minds energy and active exertion.

Missouri.—The report of this Grand Lodge has been received, as has always been characteristic of the esteemed R. W. G. Sec'y of that jurisdiction, Bro. I. M. Veitch, who advises me under date of 20th of August, 1859, "that the Order in Missouri continues to prosper: during the past year fifteen new Lodges have been instituted, and show a handsome increase of membership, with a considerable revenue over the previous year."

Illinois.—Sixteen new Lodges appear by the annual report of this jurisdiction to have been organized during the year, and the membership has advanced. The Order is, as heretofore, highly prosperous in Illinois.

Indiana.—Odd-Fellowship continues steadily to advance in this great State. The very efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. E. H. Barry, in transmitting the annual report, writes as follows: "Odd-Fellowship in this jurisdiction has become a settled, permanent institution. The statistics of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments show that the Order here is steadily increasing in members, and extending its benign influence by the organization of new Lodges and Encampments in various parts of the State not heretofore occupied. At no time in our past history have the Brotherhood manifested a greater and more general adherence to our ennobling principle, or evinced more zeal and efficiency in carrying out our fraternal and charitable designs, than in the past year."

Ohio.—The annual report of the Grand Lodge of this State embraces only a half year, commencing July 1, 1858, and terminating Dec. 31, 1858. This form of report is not in consonance with the tenth article of the By-Laws, and it is respectfully suggested that the Grand Lodge

of Ohio should alter her terms, so as to enable the Grand Secretary of that State to make an exhibit of the entire work of the Order during the year. The Order is highly prosperous in Ohio.

Kentucky.—The very estimable Grand Secretary of Kentucky, Bro. W. White, writes under date of August 8, as follows: "The condition of the Subordinate branch of the Order of this jurisdiction is truly encouraging and gratifying as exhibited by the returns received—the Lodges generally being sound, healthy, and vigorous, and many of them having erected comfortable halls without involving them in debt. The membership is largely on the increase, and general prosperity, with peace and harmony, is indicated throughout the jurisdiction. A new zeal and interest has evidently been awakened, and I am satisfied the good star of our Order is in the ascendancy."

Tennessee.—The Order is prosperous in this State.

Arkansas.—Grand Secretary Woodruff of this jurisdiction writes as follows: "The Order in our State is in a very prosperous condition. The increase is slow but steady, and, so far as *material* is concerned, the fraternity will compare favorably with any State in the Union."

Wisconsin.—I have great pleasure in reporting that the long outstanding account of Bro. A. J. Langworthy, of this jurisdiction, has been settled, by the payment of every dollar, principal and interest, due the Grand Lodge of the United States. The Grand Representative, L. B. Hills, advises me that "the Order is in a more flourishing condition in Wisconsin than for several years past;" and the R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. E. W. Rudd, confirms this pleasing intelligence by adding "that the Order has taken a new start, as the annual report will show; the old leaven is working up the new material into active usefulness far and wide in the State."

Iowa.—Bro. W. Garrett, the efficient Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, in transmitting the annual report, writes as follows: "You will see there is a falling off in both reports from last year, but the times are such that it cannot be helped. As soon as times get better in this State we will grow again. A great many who have been suspended for non-payment of dues will return, and a great many will apply for admission by initiation. I think the public installation of officers will do some good."

Texas.—The annual report of this jurisdiction is received, showing an increase of nine new Lodges and a corresponding augmentation of membership. All is prosperous in this State.

California.—In no part of the jurisdiction does Odd-Fellowship evince a higher degree of prosperity than in this comparatively young State. The annual report has been made in good time, and I cannot commend the example of this distant jurisdiction in this respect too earnestly to the imitation of many of the Grand Bodies immediately around the seat of government, who delay their annual reports not unfrequently to a very late period. Twelve new Lodges have been formed during the recess, and the membership now reaches nearly five thousand. The fortieth anniversary of the Order was celebrated by every Lodge in the State, and the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. I

have received from the very efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. Johnson, of this State, voluminous reports of the Lodge celebrations, which are herewith submitted.

Minnesota.—From the worthy Grand Secretary of this State, I learn that although his annual report does not show much progress numerically, still there are gratifying evidences of advancement in many respects. Two new Lodges have been instituted during the year, and the Order is in a prosperous condition, with assurances of "abundant success in the future."

Oregon.—The Grand Lodge of Oregon is doing good work, and the growth of the Order is healthy. The reports of Ellison Encampment have been received, which indicate prosperity.

Nebraska.—The Order in this jurisdiction is as yet feeble, but is in good hands, and will no doubt succeed. The annual report is received.

Kansas.—The same remark may be made of the Order in Kansas which has been made of its condition in Nebraska. It is yet in its infancy, and although it progresses slowly, it is in a satisfactory manner.

Sandwich Islands.—I regret that I have not yet received the annual report from this jurisdiction. There is, however, no doubt of the prosperity of the Order in these islands. A very interesting account of the celebration of the fortieth anniversary at Honolulu has been received, which is herewith annexed.

New Mexico.—The Order in New Mexico is in a disorganized condition—the only remaining Lodge, Paradise, No. 2, having surrendered its charter. The very able and active D. D. G. Sire, Bro. John B. Grayson, has taken the deepest interest in the preservation of the Order in this distant jurisdiction, and has transmitted an application for a new Encampment, and also a new Lodge. The charter, books, seal, papers, and funds of Lodge No. 1, which suspended during the past year, have been received from that officer by the Corresponding Secretary. The funds, amounting to $157.71, have been paid into the treasury.

Washington Territory.—I have no intelligence from this jurisdiction.

Semi-annual reports have been received during the year from the following Subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States:

Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico.
Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, Vermont.
Ancilla Encampment, No. 2, Florida.
Fort Smith Encampment, No. 1, Arkansas.
Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, Minnesota.
Arkansas Encampment, No. 2, Arkansas.
Green Mountain Encampment, No. 2, Vermont.
Ellison Encampment, No. 1, Oregon.

A warrant has been issued during the recess for Far West Encampment, No. 1, Leavenworth City, Kansas.

An application has been received for a charter for a Lodge to be

called Paradise Lodge, No. 1, at Santa Fe; also, for a new Encampment to take the place of Ridgely Encampment, at the same place, the charter of which was surrendered during the year 1858. The parties have been informed that the name or number of a defunct Lodge cannot be used, but that upon application of five members of the defunct Lodge in good standing, the charter may be restored.

The following statement, made in conformity with the order "to arrange the same in parallel columns," represents the amounts for each specific purpose received from each Grand Jurisdiction and Subordinate Lodge and Encampment under this Grand Body during the past fiscal year. The several amounts received have been paid into the treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report. The usual supplementary table will be submitted at an early day during the session, showing the further receipts of this office from the termination of the fiscal year up to the first day of the session, inclusive.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing September* 21, 1858, *and ending September* 1, 1859.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Pennsylvania	.....	$15 00	$10 00	.....	$ 25 00
S. New York	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Ohio	130 00	.....	.....	.....	130 00
Kentucky	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
N. Hampshire	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Missouri	.....	30 00	.....	75 00	105 00
District of Columbia	20 00	.....	2 50	.....	22 50
Indiana	50 00	20 00	.....	150 00	220 00
Mississippi	.....	2 50	.....	75 00	77 50
Alabama	.....	5 00	.....	75 00	80 00
Wisconsin	.....	2 50	.....	.....	2 50
Illinois	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Iowa	.....	15 00	.....	75 00	90 00
California	.....	51 25	10 00	75 00	136 25
	$200 00	$141 25	$22 50	$975 00	$1,338 75

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing, September* 22, 1858, *and ending September* 1, 1859.

	Balance.	Books.	Charters.	Dues.	Odes.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
C. D. Cole, of Massachusetts		3 50					3 50
Mahketewah Encampment, of Ohio		11 75					11 75
C. Moore, of Pennsylvania		8 75					8 75
Wm Crutcher, of Mississippi		1 75					1 75
John G. Clayton, of Southern New York		1 75					1 75
D. W. C. Langdon, of Southern New York		1 75					1 75
J. H. Robinson, of Virginia						10 00	10 00
A. J. Alwurth, of Canada West		7 00					7 00
Grenada Lodge, No. 6, Mississippi		11 75					11 75
Boonsboro' Lodge, No. 79, Iowa		10 00					10 00
Olympia Lodge, No 1, Oregon				81 00			81 00
Volney Green, of Wisconsin		2 00					2 00
E. J. Aston, of North Carolina		2 50					2 50
J. C. Woodall, of Tennessee		1 75					1 75
Arkansas Encampment, No. 2, Arkansas				22 00			22 00
Isaac M. Veitch, of Missouri	4 50						4 50
Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, Vermont				1 50			1 50
Far West Encampment, No. 1, Kansas			30 00				30 00
John B. Grayson, of New Mexico						147 46	147 46
W. F. Weyl, of Delaware		1 75					1 75
Windsor Lodge, No. 329, Ohio		1 75					1 75
Memphis Lodge, No. 6, Tennessee		10 00					10 00
Alexander E. Glenn, of Ohio		21 00					21 00
Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3, Vermont				5 00			5 00
Ancilla Encampment, No. 2, Florida				13 20			13 20
Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico				80 89			80 89

Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, Minnesota					3 19				3 19
J. T. Doolittle, of Ohio		1 75							1 75
J. M. Prager, of Virginia		10 00							10 00
J. A. Weirman, of North Carolina		15 75							15 75
Ackaree Lodge of North Carolina		11 75							11 75
J. A. Davenant, of New Mexico								10 25	10 25
B. E. Garnett, of Kentucky		10 00							10 00
F. W. Taylor, of North Carolina		1 75							1 75
R. R. Reese, of Kansas	10 25								10 25
Fort Smith Encampment, No. 3, Arkansas					4 35				4 35
James J. Walton, of Arkansas		6 75					30		7 05
Encampments in Delaware					79 27				79 27
Victoria Grand Lodge of Australia								97 00	97 00
	$14 75	$156 50	$30 00	$290 40		30	$264 71		$756 66

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing September* 21, 1858, *and ending September* 1, 1859.

GRAND LODGES.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Diplomas.	Miscellaneous.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Maryland	.....	$140 00	$38 50	$10 00	.....	.....	$150 00	$338 50
Massachusetts	.....	50 00	21 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	71 75
S. New York	.....	140 00	21 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	311 00
Pennsylvania	.....	600 00	422 00	75 00	.....	.....	.....	1097 00
D. of Columbia	.....	40 00	11 25	5 00	.....	.....	.....	56 25
Delaware	.....	40 00	33 50	1 25	.....	.....	150 00	224 75
Ohio	.....	724 20	405 00	35 05	.....	75	150 00	1315 00
Louisiana	.....	20 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	35 00
Kentucky	.....	60 00	80 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	290 00
Virginia	.....	119 00	100 50	10 00	.....	.....	150 00	379 50
Indiana	.....	387 50	403 75	22 00	.....	.....	150 00	963 25
Mississippi	.....	80 00	51 75	.....	.....	.....	150 00	281 75
Missouri	.....	210 00	107 50	23 75	.....	.....	150 00	491 25
Illinois	.....	320 00	202 50	.....	.....	28 50	150 00	701 00
Texas	.....	80 00	117 50	.....	.....	.....	150 00	347 50
S. Carolina	.....	30 00	5 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	185 00
Alabama	.....	33 20	41 75	.....	.....	.....	150 00	224 95
N. Carolina	.....	.....	10 50	.....	.....	.....	150 00	160 50
Georgia	.....	39 80	29 75	.....	.....	20	.....	69 75
Maine	.....	16 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 40
N. Hampshire	.....	60 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	210 00
Wisconsin	424 26	64 80	30 50	.....	.....	30	.....	519 86
Iowa	.....	220 00	225 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	445 00
Arkansas	.....	20 00	26 50	.....	20 00	.....	75 00	141 50
Rhode Island	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	75 00	80 00
Minnesota	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
California	.....	159 47	223 75	40 00	25 00	8 53	150 00	606 75
Canada West	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	95 00
Oregon	.....	15 00	38 60	.....	.....	50	.....	54 10
Lower Provinces	.....	5 00	12 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 50
	424 26	3694 37	2680 35	222 05	$45 00	38 78	2700 00	9804 81

The receipts into the treasury up to and inclusive of the first day of September, 1859, amount to	$11,900 22
On the same day there remained due and payable during the session (all of which it may be estimated will be paid)	5,535 88
Making a probable aggregate of revenue for the fiscal year 1858–9	$17,436 10
The amount estimated for receipts at the last session for the year was	$20,600 00
Amount received as above	17,436 10
Deficit	$3,163 90
The amount appropriated at the last session was	$20,150 00
Amount actually received	17,436 10
Excess of appropriation over receipts	$2,713 90

Of the amount appropriated there has not been required the following sums:

For engraving diploma plate and printing diplomas	$1,600	
Visiting card plate	250	
Per diem and mileage	1,140	
Contingent fund	150	
Book case	100	
		$3,240

which, deducted from amount appropriated, $20,150, will leave $16,910, a sum within the actual receipts of the year—showing that the revenue of the Grand Lodge during the year has been adequate to meet its legitimate expenses. In addition to which it may be stated that a large item in the amount of estimated revenue, viz: $3,000 from the sales of diplomas, has failed on account of the inability of the Corresponding Secretary to obtain that supply in time for sales during this year, and which may be reasonably estimated to come in during the next year. In connexion with this subject, the Corresponding Secretary would respectfully suggest that the price of the diploma be reduced, so as to allow a margin of profit to wholesale purchasers of not less than twenty-five per cent. Several applications have been made to purchase at this rate, by the quantity, which induces this suggestion. In order to husband as far as practicable the resources of the Grand Lodge, the Corresponding Secretary has managed to do without the appropriation for the visiting card plate during the past year, but he respectfully suggests that the appropriation be renewed for the ensuing year. A supplementary report embracing the stock account, statement of supplies sold, in detail, and receipts since the 1st September, 1859, will be made during the session.

In closing this report the undersigned has great pleasure in congratulating the assembled Grand Representatives upon the improved prosperity of our beloved Order, apparent from the annual returns.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Grand Secretary.*

Office Corresponding and Recording Secretary,
BALTIMORE, *September* 1, 1859.

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, the Lodge took a recess for half an hour.

The time for recess having expired, the Lodge re-assembled, when—

Rep. Hoke, of North Carolina, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the members of the Order who have attained the proper rank may be admitted within the Lodge during its deliberations, when vouched for and introduced to the Grand Guardian by the Representatives, respectively, from the State jurisdiction to which the visitors may be attached.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That five thousand copies of the Grand Sire's and Grand Secretary's reports be printed and furnished to the Grand Representatives.

Rep. Mason, of Kentucky, moved the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause eighteen hundred copies of the daily Journal to be printed, and that one copy thereof be placed on the table of each Representative at the opening of each day's session.

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger place daily on the desk of each Representative fifteen copies of the daily Journal in wrappers in form for mailing.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, moved to amend as follows:

Resolved, That two copies of the daily Journal be printed and furnished to each of the Representatives, daily, and that fifteen copies of the corrected Journal be furnished each member, after the adjournment, for distribution.

Rep. I. Robinson, of Virginia, moved further to amend as follows:

Resolved, That the proceedings referred to in the foregoing resolution remain in the hands of the R. W. Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary, subject to the orders of the Representatives entitled thereto.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. I. Robinson, of Virginia, it was resolved in the negative.

The question then being on the amendment of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the resolutions of Rep. Mason, of Kentucky—

Rep. Jacob H. Robinson, of Virginia, moved to amend as follows:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to have three hundred copies of the daily Journal of this body printed for the use of its members.

Rep. Hoke, of North Carolina, moved further to amend as follows:

Resolved, That one copy of the daily Journal be printed for each of the Grand Masters, Grand Patriarchs, Grand Scribes and Grand Secretaries of the respective

Jurisdictions, and one copy be laid upon the table for each member of this Grand Lodge.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Hoke, of North Carolina—

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered, and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. Hoke, of North Carolina?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question then being on the amendment of Rep. Jacob H. Robinson, of Virginia, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the resolutions of Rep. Mason, of Kentucky, they were resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Clark, of Vermont, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the time for the sessions of this Grand Body will be to meet at 9 o'clock A. M., take a recess for thirty minutes at 12 o'clock M., and adjourn at half-past 3 o'clock P. M., and in the evening at 7½, after this day.

Rep. I. Robinson, of Virginia, moved to amend the resolution by striking out "and in the evening at 7½ o'clock, after this day," which was agreed to.

And the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger, under the direction of the R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, be requested to place shades in the windows on the right and left of the R. W. Grand Sire's chair.

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, the resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Book of Diagrams and Secret Work be placed in the hands of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, during the session, after to-day, for the use and benefit of the Representatives.

Rep Stuart, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will hold a secret session to-morrow, at 12:30 for the exemplification of the unwritten work.

The M. W. Grand Sire announced the following Standing Committees:

Committee on the State of the Order.—Reps. Boylston, of South Carolina; Cassedy, of New Jersey; McKinstry, of Alabama; Harvey, of Indiana; Webb, of Texas.

Legislative Committee.—Reps. Dwinelle, of Northern New York; Farnsworth, of Tennessee; Caldwell, of North Carolina; Adams, of Georgia; Steere, of Rhode Island.

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps Conley, of Georgia; E. C. Robinson, of Virginia; Young, of Maryland; Clemmer, of Ohio; Hemingray, of Kansas.

Committee on Finance.—Reps. Veitch, of Missouri; Stuart, of District of Columbia; Prall, of Northern New York; J. H. Robinson, of Virginia; Barry, of Illinois.

Committee on Appeals.—Reps. Kennedy, of Southern New York; Thayer, of South Carolina; Clark, of Vermont; Barnes, of Tennessee; Strong, of Mississippi.

Committee on Constitutions.—Reps. Ellis, of Maryland; Burnham, of Maine; Zimmerman, of Pennsylvania; Lane, of Michigan; Noble, of Minnesota.

Committee on Returns.—Reps. Crutcher, of Mississippi; Herndon, of Indiana; Tapley, of New Hampshire; Hoke, of North Carolina; Langdon, of Southern New York.

Committee on Printing.—Reps. Rand, of Massachusetts; Lints, of Pennsylvania; Fuller, of Lower Provinces; Storer, of Connecticut; Escavaille, of Maryland.

Committee on Petitions.—Reps. Mason, of Kentucky; Richardson, of Delaware; Hills, of Wisconsin; Nutter, of Maine; Garwood, of California.

Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.—Reps. Hunt, of Texas; Earl, of Ohio; Whitaker, of New Jersey; Shinkle, of Kentucky; Barnum, of Oregon.

Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented.—Reps. Stetson, of Louisiana; White, of California; Jackson, of Connecticut; Marsh, of Illinois; Taylor, of Pennsylvania.

Committee on Credentials.—Reps. Israel Robinson, of Virginia; Garrett, of Iowa; Stewart, of Indiana; Mitchell, of South Carolina; Cook, of Nebraska.

Rep. Kidder, of New Hampshire, submitted the following paper:

Grand Rep. Kidder, of New Hampshire, states to the Grand Lodge that Rep. Wm. R. Tapley, from the same jurisdiction, would not be able to attend this session of the Grand Lodge in consequence of the recent sickness and death of his wife.

Rep. True, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the annual message of the M. W. Grand Sire and the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary be referred to a select committee of three, to distribute the subjects contained therein to appropriate committtees for consideration.

The Chair named as the committee provided for by the resolution Reps. True, of Ohio, Miller, of Indiana, and Mills, of Kentucky.

Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, presented the following communication, which was read:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Joint Standing Committee on the Library, I. O. O. F. of Maryland, contemplating to hold a Levee in honor of the dedication of the new south wing of the hall, respectfully petitions your honorable body to adjourn at as early an hour on Wednesday, the 21st inst., as may be consistent with the discharge of your duties, to enable the committee of arrangements to have the saloon properly arranged for the festivities at night, with the pledge on the part of the committee to have

every thing in readiness for the session on Thursday morning, without disarranging the books or papers of the Representatives.

The committee having this matter in charge will convene to-night to receive an answer. Fraternally,

JAMES YOUNG, *President.*

BALTIMORE, September 19, 1859.

On motion of Rep. Nutter, of Maine, the request made in the communication was granted.

Rep. Mills, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report to the Grand Lodge the unfinished business of last session.

The Chair named Reps. Mills, of Kentucky, Whitaker, of New Jersey, and Crutcher, of Mississippi, as the committee.

Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to present one copy of the bound Journals and Digest of the Laws and Proceedings of the Grand Lodge to each Grand Representative who has not previously received one from the Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Sire presented the following communication:

BALTIMORE, September 19th, 1859

To the M. W. Grand Sire, Officers, and Representatives of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.:

BRETHREN: You are respectfully invited to join the procession and participate in the dedication of the South Wing of the Odd-Fellow's Hall, North Gay street, on Wednesday next. The procession will move at 11 o'clock A. M., precisely.

By order and on behalf of the Committee of Arrangements,

Fraternally yours,

JNO. A. THOMPSON,
Chairman of Committee of Arrangements.

On motion of Rep. Langdon, of Southern New York, the invitation extended in the communication was accepted.

Rep. Patten, of Georgia, moved the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be and they are hereby requested to prepare and report to this Grand Lodge on Thursday morning, immediately after its being opened, a bill giving to the State Grand Lodges, whose membership shall properly signify their desire for such change, entire control over the Order in their respective jurisdictions, subject only to this Grand Lodge, with power so to amend the constitution of their Subordinates as to give them the right to confer the Encampment degrees on all properly qualified members, and to make the possession of the same requisite to official position; also, to so amend the constitution of their Grand Lodges as to enable them to carry into effect the provisions of said bill.

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be further requested to submit at the same time as the bill above named such amendments of the constitution of this Grand Lodge as shall be necessary to give effect to the provisions of the said bill, and to secure to such Grand Lodges as shall avail themselves of the changes thereby proposed an additional Representative on the floor of this Grand Lodge whenever their annual report shall exhibit a membership in good standing of five hundred who have attained the Royal Purple degree; and also to provide that all cards issued by Subordinate Lodges in possession of the En-

campment degrees (which, in addition to the usual form, shall state that the brother to whom such card is granted has obtained the Royal Purple degree,) shall entitle the holder to all the privileges of both a Lodge and Encampment card in other jurisdictions.

Rep. Harvey, of Indiana, moved to strike out the words "requested to prepare and report," and to insert the words "requested to inquire into the expediency of."

Rep. Herndon, of Indiana, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, presented the appeal of P. S. Minnis, of that jurisdiction, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Crutcher, of Mississippi, presented the appeal of P. S. W. McKeever, of Mississippi, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. McKinstry, of Alabama, presented the appeal of J. O. Smith, of Alabama, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That on and after the first of January next the rank or degree of all members, to whom withdrawal or visiting cards may be granted by Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, shall be expressed on the face of the card.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS at the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States the State jurisdictions were requested to express their opinions as to what change it is desirable to make, if any, in the representation in this Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That all communications from State Grand Bodies, in reference to to this subject, which have been or may hereafter be received, be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Rep. Marsh, of Illinois, presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Garwood, of California, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of California, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That our Grand Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to support proper amendments to the Constitution of that Grand Body, at its next annual session, for the change from annual to biennial sessions.

Resolved That our R. W. Grand Representatives be also instructed to support at the same session proper amendments to the Constitution of said Grand Lodge for the repeal of Article 17, so far as the same relates to Grand Representatives.

The above resolutions were adopted by unanimous votes of the Grand Lodge of California. as well as the following to wit:

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to use their efforts to obtain, if possible, the passage of a law declaring the offices of Grand Representatives from the Grand Lodge of the State of California vacant whenever the Representatives shall not return to this jurisdiction on or before the first day of January of each year.

In pursuance of the above instructions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of

California, Rep. Garwood, of California, offered the following resolutions, which were referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That all laws and resolutions of this Grand Lodge relating to the payment to Grand Representatives for the per diem and mileage, be and the same are hereby repealed and abolished.

Resolved, That a State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge has a right to declare the seat of a Grand Representative *vacant* who does not return to his jurisdiction on or before the first day of January following the annual session of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey:

Resolved, That the Grand Encampment of New Jersey is entirely opposed to any further agitation of the mergement of the Patriarchal degrees into Subordinate Lodges, believing that any further movement looking to such mergement will not only be futile, but is productive of injurious consequences to the Patriarchal Order where it is now prosperous, and it is calculated to, and does, discourage any effort which might be made to revive a feeling of interest in the Patriarchal Order in jurisdictions where it has been on the wane.

Resolved, That, as the Grand Lodge of the United States has repeatedly declared against the expediency of abolishing Grand or Subordinate Encampments, and their mergement or consolidation into Grand and Subordinate Lodges, in the opinion of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey it is time that the whole subject should be considered as finally disposed of and settled; that justice to those jurisdictions which are able to, and do, maintain in prosperity the Patriarchal Order, demands a cessation of effort to disturb the existing order of things in those jurisdictions.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey:

WHEREAS the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States has repeatedly decided adversely to a mergement or consolidation of the Patriarchal degrees into the Subordinate Lodge degrees, and consequently the abolishment of Grand and Subordinate Encampments as a distinct branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows; therefore,

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of New Jersey is entirely opposed to any further agitation of the question of such mergement or consolidation, believing such agitation to be inimical to the best interests of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and calculated to retard the growth of the Patriarchal Order where it is popular, while in localities where it does not flourish all efforts of its friends to revive it are checked and rendered unavailing by the constant introduction into the Grand Lodge of the United States of mergement projects.

Resolved, That the Patriarchal Order in New Jersey is hereby recommended to the favorable consideration of the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and all good Odd Fellows are advised to unite themselves with the Encampment nearest to the locality in which their Lodges meet; such course being, in the judgment of this Grand Lodge, one calculated not only to advance the interests of the Patriarchal Order, but also to infuse new life and vigor into the Order generally; for flourishing Encampments are the connecting link between Subordinate Lodges, and the prosperity of one branch is essential to the welfare of the other.

Rep. Earl, of Ohio, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Ohio:

Resolved, That the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States from this jurisdiction be instructed to use their best endeavors to effect a mergement of the R. W. Grand Lodge and the R. W. Grand Encampment.

Rep. Whitaker, of New Jersey, presented a bound copy of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Also, the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Earl, of Ohio, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the Grand Representatives' report, report that they have had the following preamble and resolution, adopted at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, under consideration, to wit:

"WHEREAS, at several sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the question of representation to, or of meeting of this Grand Lodge, in view of its expenses, is agitated, and it is desirable the question should be settled to the satisfaction of the Subordinate Grand Bodies, be it

"*Resolved*, That the several Subordinate jurisdictions of this Grand Lodge be requested to express their opinions at their next annual session as to what change is desirable to make, if any"—

Would respectfully offer for adoption the following:

Resolved, That it is the desire of this Grand Lodge that the organization of the Grand Lodge of the United States shall be so arranged as to relieve it from its financial embarrassments, and, without specifying by what process that purpose shall be accomplished, the Representatives to said Grand Lodge be instructed to exert their influence to secure the adoption of some change that will accomplish so desirable a purpose.

Rep. Earl, of Ohio, presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Noble, of Minnesota, moved the following resolutions:

WHEREAS it is a fact to be regretted that there is but little correspondence between the different Grand Bodies throughout the country, and that the laws, usages, and customs of the various jurisdictions are very dissimilar, while the membership at large have little opportunity to become acquainted with the avails of the experience of sister Grand Bodies in matters of legislation and custom, which, if they could be disseminated through the Order generally, would do much towards reducing Odd-Fellowship throughout the country to a harmonious uniformity and sameness, which would add greatly to the prosperity of the Brotherhood; and believing that it is our duty to spread proper information among the membership, convinced that intelligence regarding the Order goes hand in hand with devotion to its success—therefore, in order to accomplish, in part, this desideratum, be it

Resolved, The the duties and offices of the Committee on Correspondence are hereby so extended and amended that they shall embrace the following duties, to wit:

To review and report a Digest of the proceedings of all the State Grand Bodies subordinate to this R. W. Grand Lodge that are published between its sessions; said review, or report, to embrace a collect of every thing of general or special interest in such journals, extracts of striking merit from reports and addresses, notes of important decisions which may be valuable to other jurisdictions, reports of special and peculiar laws and regulations, of proposed theories of action, a *resume* of singular appeal cases, analyses of peculiarities and idiosyncracies of each Grand Body's codes, usages, &c., &c., as well as noting all matters of interest, and historical and statistical facts extraneous to the contents, but valuable and interesting to the Brotherhood, together with such judicious and discriminating comments as the committee think proper to embody in the report; said report to be prepared during recess, and presented to the Grand Lodge at the annual sessions,

and, if approved, to be published as an appendix to the Journal, for the benefit of the Brotherhood at large, and to inform them concerning the views, progress, operations and usages of the Order in other jurisdictions than their own.

Resolved, That in order to carry out the above plan, the M. W. Grand Sire be empowered to appoint the Committtee on Correspondence before the close of the session, so that they can act during vacation, and that all Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes be directed to mail to the address of the chairman of the Committee on Correspondence one or more copies of the proceedings of their Grand Bodies as soon as published.

Rep. Israel Robinson, of Virginia, moved to lay the resolutions on the table, which was agreed to.

Rep Bragg, of Louisiana, presented the amended constitution of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Cook, of Nebraska, presented the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Garwood, of California, presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of California, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Hills, of Wisconsin, submitted the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin:

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge be and are hereby instructed to vote in favor of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, found on page 2991 Proceedings Grand Lodge United States, 1858, proivding that only *one* Representative shall be sent from each Grand Body.

Resolved, That in case said amendment cannot be carried, our Representatives are hereby instructed to vote for the proposed amendment, found on page 2995 Proceedings Grand Lodge United States, providing for biennial instead of annual sessions of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

SAMUEL CRAIGHEAD.....M. W. Grand Sire.
EDWD. H. FITZHUGH....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. A. PAUL REPITON...R. W. Grand Chaplain.
ISAAC M. TUCKER.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
S. H. LEWYT.....W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN..W. Grand Messenger.

And a representation from every jurisdiction excepting the Lower Provinces of British North America and Kansas.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. A. Paul Repiton, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. Shinkle, of Kentucky, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Garrett, of Iowa, presented three bound copies of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, from 1848 to 1856, inclusive.

Rep. Israel Robinson, of Virginia, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials have had before them the certificate of P. G. Thomas M. Banbury, appointed to represent the Grand Lodge of Iowa in the place of Grand Representative Wesley Moreland, resigned, which certificate is in due form. They recommend that he be admitted as Representative as aforesaid.

ISRAEL ROBINSON,
WILLIAM GARRETT,
EDWARD MITCHELL,
W. H. COOK.

Rep. Israel Robinson, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials, to whom was referred the certificate of election of Patriarch Thomas Steers to represent the Grand Encampment of the State of Rhode Island, and also the protest of Patriarch D. Wilkinson against the same, and claiming the seat for himself, would respectfully report that the certificate of Patriarch Steers is in due form, under the seal of the said Grand Encampment, and signed by the proper officers, with Patriarch D. Wilkinson himself signing as Grand Scribe.

The grounds of the protest, as presented by the protestant, are, as alleged by him, that although it appears from the record that Patriarch Steers received a majority of all the votes cast, that there were four illegal votes, and which, had they been excluded, would have changed the result of the election, and given him the majority.

To sustain this allegation he laid before the committee written certificates purporting to have been signed by thirty-one members of the Grand Encampment of the State of Rhode Island. These certificates are *ex parte*, and not properly authenticated. In regard to the four votes which he alleges were illegal, on the ground that they had not served in office the term required by the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, your committee find from the records of the Grand Encampment of that State that they were, by its express action, duly admitted members thereof. To report adversely to this action of the Grand Encampment, deliberately had, on mere *ex parte* testimony or verbal statements of the contestant, would be to establish a dangerous precedent in this Grand Lodge. The committee might suggest (if it were proper here) that if there was any illegal action on the part of the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island by which the contestant was defeated in the election for Representative, he should have appealed

from the decision of said Grand Encampment, and had a record certifying the facts of the case sent up.

In view, therefore, of all the facts connected with this case, your committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Patriarch Thomas Steers be and he is hereby admitted to a seat on the floor of this Grand Lodge, as the Representative from the Grand Encampment of Rhode Island.

ISRAEL ROBINSON,
EDWARD MITCHELL,
JAMES H. STEWART,
WILLIAM GARRETT,
W. H. COOK.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the Committee on the Anniversary Celebration, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Executive Committee on the Grand National Celebration of the Fortieth Anniversary of the Order respectfully report:

That the duties which were devolved on them in connection with the subject entrusted to their charge were performed to the best of their ability, and they respectfully submit a full account of the proceedings of the occasion for the disposal of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
JOHN W. DWINELLE,
JOHN G. CLAYTON,
FRED. D. STUART,
JAS. L. RIDGELY.

Rep. True, of Ohio, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the annual message of the M. W. Grand Sire and the annual report of the R. W. Grand Secretary, for distribution of subjects to appropriate committees, offer the following, viz:

So much of the Grand Sire's message as relates to collecting reports on national celebration, to the *Committee on Printing;* so much as relates to death of Past Grand Representatives, to a *Special Committee;* so much as relates to the chartering of Grand Bodies, to the *Legislative Committee;* so much as relates to petitions for new Lodges and Encampments in Santa Fe, to the *Committee on Petitions;* so much as relates to the granting of cards to members of defunct Lodges and Encampments by Deputy Grand Sires, to the *Legislative Committee;* so much as relates to establishing the Order in Australia, to a *Special Committee;* so much as relates to decisions of the Grand Sire, to the *Committee on the State of the Order;* so much as relates to the financial condition of this Grand Lodge, to the *Committee on Finance;* and

so much of the Grand Secretary's report as relates to the publication of Journal of Proceedings, to *Committee on Printing;* so much as relates to correspondence with Australia, to the special committee recommended on same subject, referred to in Grand Sire's message; so much as relates to bills of expenses for national celebration, so much as relates to new diploma, and so much as relates to receipts of this Grand Lodge, to the *Finance Committee.*

BENJ. C. TRUE,
J. H. MILLS,
CHRIS MILLER.

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, the rule was suspended and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. Mills, of Kentucky, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Unfinished Business report that they find sundry amendments to the Constitution proposed at the last session of this body, which amendments will be found in the order they were presented, appended in separate form to the proceedings of said session.

J. M. MILLS,
J. S. WHITAKER,
WILLIAM CRUTCHER.

Rep. Jacob H. Robinson, of Virginia, presented the appeal of W. P. Green, of Virginia, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Mason, of Kentucky, offered the following resolutions, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the State of Kentucky (which constitution has been approved by this Grand Lodge) confers no power on the Grand Patriarch of said Grand Encampment to grant dispensations for the institution of Subordinate Encampments;

AND WHEREAS the Grand Patriarch of said Grand Encampment did, on the — day of November, 1857, on the petition of a number of R. P. Degree Patriarchs of the city of Lexington, Kentucky, holding final cards, grant a dispensation for the institution of a Subordinate Encampment in said city, which said Encampment was afterwards instituted by him, in due form, under the name and style of Moreh Encampment, No. 3, and report thereof duly made to the Grand Encampment of Kentucky;

AND WHEREAS the Grand Encampment of Kentucky desires to grant a charter to said Encampment, but doubts are entertained of the power to do so, inasmuch as the dispensation was granted illegally, and having asked the Grand Lodge to legalize the act of said Grand Patriarch in granting a dispensation and instituting said Encampment; therefore—

Resolved, That the Grand Encampment of Kentucky is hereby authorized and empowered to grant a charter to said Moreh Encampment, No. 3; said charter to have the same force and effect as though said Encampment had been legally instituted.

Rep. Clemmer, of Ohio, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which was referred to the Finance Committee:

Resolved, That the Representatives from this Grand Encampment in the Grand Lodge of the United States, be, and they are hereby instructed to propose and advocate the adoption of the following reforms, in the financial affairs of that Grand Body:

1st. An economical expenditure of all the funds now belonging to the Grand Lodge, in defraying its current expenses, until the same shall have been entirely exhausted.

2d. That after all the funds of the Grand Lodge shall have been entirely absorbed, a direct tax be levied upon State Grand Bodies, at each session, based upon the representation in that body, and the probable sum required annually to defray the expenses.

3d. To reduce the number of representatives to one from each State Grand Body, allowing each representative one vote for the first 1000 members or less, and one vote for each additional 1000 members in the jurisdiction he represents.

4th. To make the sessions of the Grand Lodge biennial.

5th To reduce the supplies of all printed matter furnished by the Grand Lodge to as near cost price as practicable.

6th. To prohibit the accumulation in the Treasury of a fund beyond the amount actually required to meet necessary expenses. To prohibit the dealing in stocks or real estate, the loaning of money, and the holding of any property whatever, except such as may be required for the supply of Subordinates.

Also, the amended constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Shinkle, of Kentucky, presented the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. I. Robinson, of Virginia, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials have had before them the certificate of P. C. P. John H. Phillips, appointed a Representative to this Grand Lodge from the Grand Encampment of New Jersey, which being in due form, they recommend that he be admitted a member of this R. W. Grand Lodge as Representative aforesaid.

ISRAEL ROBINSON,
WM. GARRETT,
EDWARD MITCHELL,
W. H. COOK.

Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Encampment of Maryland, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Encampment in the Grand Lodge of the United States be and they are hereby instructed to invoke the Grand Lodge of the United States to take up the matter of the twelfth decision, to be found on page 2860 of the Journal of 1858, and to repeal the same, or to define its manner of application in such terms as to leave no doubts of its true intention.

Resolved, That a copy of this report and resolution be presented to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Rodney, of Delaware, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives from this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States be and are hereby instructed to support and vote for the amendments of Grand Rep. Thayer, Journal page 2995, and also that they be instructed to support and vote for the first amendment of P. G. Sire Kennedy, Journal, page 2991.

Rep. Nixon, of Louisiana, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana in reference to suspended members in the Pacific States, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be directed to endeavor to have the law allowing the members of the Order who have been suspended for non-payment of dues in the Atlantic States admission into the Lodges of the Pacific States, so far amended as to prevent persons thus admitted from visiting Lodges in the Atlantic States upon the travelling card and password obtained in the Pacific States.

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States endeavor to obtain a repeal of the law authorizing suspended members to affiliate in California.

Rep. Barnes, of Tennessee, presented the following inquiry from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Whether, after a member has been expelled from his Subordinate Lodge, for cause, he takes an appeal to his State Grand Body—the action of his Lodge sustained—an appeal taken to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the record not sent up to that body at its next session, he cannot appeal and the record be sent up to the Grand Lodge of the United States and be acted upon at any subsequent session.

Rep. Hoke, of North Carolina, presented the following communication from the Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of North Carolina, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

WILMINGTON, N. C., Sept. 16, 1859.

We want the Grand Lodge to remit all of our back dues but $100. Then we will be able to send a Representative to the next Grand Lodge of the United States. This arrangement will be the best for the Grand Lodge; for if they compel us to surrender, there will be less than $100 to pay over, after we pay the bills that are now due. We have been applied to by two Subordinates to have their dues remitted, with a promise that if done they will be able to resume their work.

R. J. JONES.

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Some time in 1856 or 1857 a member in good standing of Ogden Lodge, No. 197, of Northern New York, was taken sick in the vicinity of Miami Lodge, No. 51, of Indiana, and on that fact being reported to Miami Lodge he was relieved by that Lodge, by paying him the benefits to which he was entitled by the By-Laws of his own Lodge, which immediately communicated the premises to Ogden Lodge and asked to be reimbursed for the sums advanced by them. To this appeal Ogden Lodge did not respond. Miami Lodge, after practising the most reasonable and patient delay, and receiving no answer, finally brought the matter before the Grand Lodge of Indiana, and a correspondence commenced between the Grand Secretaries of the respective jurisdictions. The Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York immediately communicated with the District Deputy Grand Master of Monroe, in which district Ogden Lodge was situated, transmitting the papers connected with the subject,

and asking his immediate attention. Unfortunately that officer has wholly neglected his duty, not only in this special matter, but in making returns, so that this Grand Lodge has not been able even to ascertain officially whether Ogden Lodge has been in existence for the last year. Your committee, however, have definitely ascertained that Ogden Lodge has gone out of existence, without leaving any funds, or surrendering any property to this Grand Lodge, or having any such funds or property which can be reached by this Grand Lodge. There is, therefore, no Subordinate Lodge upon which this Grand Lodge can act in the matter—no Lodge which it can compel to refund the advances made by Miami Lodge. These circumstances are deeply to be deplored; and if they often occur, must necessarily impair the efficiency of the beneficent principles of our Order. Yet we cannot conclude that a Grand Body is bound to discharge the pecuniary obligations of its Subordinates who have become extinct, without the surrender of any property or effects to such Grand Lodge; and we are of opinion that this Grand Lodge should not, in this instance, set a precedent of assuming such obligations, in the absence of any general regulation on the subject by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. That such a regulation, definitely settling the law applicable to such cases is desirable, seems evident. Your committee recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the foregoing report be adopted, as expressing the sense of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That a copy of the same be officially transmitted to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Indiana, and that the same be laid before the Grand Lodge of the United States by the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge.

Also, the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to have the work on public installations printed in the German language.

Rep. Noble, of Minnesota, presented the following proceeding of the the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

WHEREAS the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States has asked an expression from each body subordinate thereto in reference to the best means of reducing the annual expenses of that Grand Body, therefore,

Resolved, That this R. W. Grand Lodge is in favor of a change in the constitution of that body so as to have *but one Representative* from each Grand Body represented, believing that each Grand Body can be fully represented in that manner.

Resolved, Therefore, that our R. W. Grand Representative be instructed to advocate the amendment presented at the last session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States and the constitution of that body, by Rep. Kennedy of Southern New York. [Page 2991 of the Journal.]

Also, the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Mills, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the consideration of the amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, proposed at the last session, be made the special order of the day for Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, and that no other business shall intervene until said amendments be disposed of.

Rep. Woodruff, of Arkansas, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the appeal of Far West Lodge, No. 1, of Arkansas, in a matter of grievance between that Lodge and Hope Lodge, No. 93, of Pennsylvania,

which was dismissed at the last session of this Lodge under a misapprehension of the facts of the case—(Proceedings 1858, p. 2982)—the same having been before the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania—be taken up and again referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to report upon the expediency of employing a Grand Lecturer to visit all the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and instruct the same in the work of the Order; the expenses of such Grand Lecturer to be defrayed by the Grand Bodies visited, respectively.

Rep. Mason, of Kentucky, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Chair presented the following communications:

BALTIMORE, Sept. 17, 1859.

M. W. Grand Sire:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I have the pleasure to present, through yourself, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, this humble offering, intended as a pictorial illustration of one of the noblest features in our institution. The group represents the orphan children of our deceased brethren arranged in procession for a public demonstration; and on Wednesday next their smiling faces will greet you with a hearty welcome, and their happy countenances will give evidence to our Order and the community at large of contentment and happiness, proving to the world that we practice what we profess. Not the least feature in this splendid pageant will be, I hope, the appearance of your honorable body in the line of procession, that you may bear with you to your respective homes the pleasing recollection of having united with your brethren on this joyous occasion.

Fraternally, I have the honor to be yours,

THOMAS PHENIX.

MANUFACTURERS' AND MECHANICS' EXCHANGE,
Sun Building, Baltimore, September 19th, 1859.

Members of the Grand Lodge of the United States are respectfully invited to a free use of this room, where there are one hundred and fifty papers on file daily, from all parts of the United States.

Fraternally, THOMAS PHENIX,
Proprietor.

On motion of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, the communications were received and the thanks of the Grand Lodge tendered to Brother Phenix.

Rep. Hunt, of Texas, moved the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the per diem for this session of the Grand Lodge of the United States be three dollars.

Resolved, That the mileage for members for this session be rated at five cents per mile, and that the same be calculated from the nearest mail route, unless it may appear to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem that there is a nearer travelled route, in which case the travelled route takes precedence.

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will adjourn *sine die* on Saturday the 24th instant at 3½ o'clock, P. M.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, called for a division of the question, and the question being on the first resolution—

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved to amend by striking out "three

dollars" and inserting "two and a half dollars;" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the first resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The second resolution was then considered.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved to strike out "five cents," and insert "four cents."

Rep. Garwood, of California, moved to amend further by striking out "five," and inserting "two cents."

The question being on the motion to strike out, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the second resolution of Rep. Hunt, of Texas, it was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays being required appeared as follows:

YEAS—Reps. Adams, Anderson, Andrews, Barnes, Barron, Banbury, Bragg, Bailey of Mississippi, Brown, (2 votes,) Caldwell, Choate, Clark, Clemmer, Cook, Crutcher, Didama, Dwinelle, Earl, Ellis, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, Garrett, Hardy, Harper, Harvey, Herndon, (2 votes,) Hills, Hoke, Hunt, (2 votes,) Jackson, Kidder, Lane, McKinley, McKinstry, Marble, Marsh, (2 votes,) Mason, Miller, Mills, Mitchell, Nixon, Noble, Nutter, Partridge, Patten, Prall, Rand, Scott, Shinkle, Smith of Rhode Island, Smith of Michigan, Steers, Stetson, Storer, Strong, Walker, White of Northern New York, White of California, Winchell, Woodruff, Woodward, Youlen—66.

NAYS—Reps. Bailey of Missouri, Barnum, Barry, Boylston, Cassedy, Clements, Conley, Damon, Escavaille, Garwood, Kendall, Kennedy, Langdon, Lent, McLean, Marley, Nicholson, (2 votes,) Phillips, Richardson, Robinson, E. C., Robinson, Israel, Robinson, J. H., Rodney, Stuart of District of Columbia, Taylor, Thayer, True, Veitch, (2 votes,) Whitaker, Young, Zimmerman—33.

The question recurring on the third resolution of Rep. Hunt, of Texas—

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved to strike out "Saturday," and insert "Friday."

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, to the third resolution of Rep. Hunt, of Texas—

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment proposed by Rep. Conley, of Georgia?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the third resolution of Rep. Hunt, of Texas, as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Marsh, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be requested to inquire as to the expediency of a law prohibiting benefits to members of Subordinate Lodges after the removal of their permanent residence for the space of one year; or of compelling members of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, who permanently remove from the vicinity of the body to which they belong, to withdraw from said body, and to report thereon a resolution for the consideration of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Rep. Garrett, of Iowa, moved the following proceeding, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS it has pleased Almighty God to remove from earth Amos Matthews, formerly a member of this Body from the jurisdiction of Iowa, at the sessions of 1854 and 1855, and D. D. Grand Sire of 1851 and 1852, and whereas the members of this Grand Lodge are sincerely desirous of testifying their respect for his memory, therefore

Resolved, That while we submit in all humility to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, we sincerely lament the loss of our deceased brother, as a man whose life exemplified the principles of our Order, and whose character was without a stain and above reproach.

Resolved, That we condole with the friends and relatives of our deceased brother in the irreparable loss they have sustained in this dispensation.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be requested to transmit a copy of these proceedings to the family of the deceased, and also to Harmony Lodge, No. 2, of Iowa, with the seal of the Grand Lodge affixed, on the adjournment of this Grand Body.

Rep. Adams, of Georgia, moved that the Lodge now reconsider the vote had on yesterday, making the exemplification of the secret work of the Order the special order for twelve o'clock and thirty minutes this day, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question then being on the motion to make the exemplification of the secret work the special order for twelve o'clock and thirty minutes this day—

Rep. True, of Ohio, moved to amend the resolution, by striking out "twelve this day" and inserting "forthwith," which was adopted, and the resolution as amended was adopted, when the Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

After some hours passed in secret session the Lodge resumed its ordinary business, when the hour fixed for recess, 12 o'clock, having arrived, the Lodge receded from business for half an hour.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess, when, on motion of Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia, the exemplification of the work was renewed in secret session.

After several hours passed in secret session the Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, moved the following resolutions, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge deems it expedient and practicable to establish a monthly periodical to be devoted to the interests and the dissemination of the principles of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, now numbering nearly two hundred thousand members.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is hereby appointed the editor and manager of such periodical; that he be requested to prepare and issue a prospectus for the same, setting forth the objects of the work and the terms of subscription; and the R. W. Grand Scribes and R. W. Grand Secretaries of all State, Territorial, and Colonial Grand Bodies, and likewise the Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the United States at its present session, are hereby appointed and respectfully requested to act as agents in the procurement of subscriptions to the work, and asked to co-operate in rendering successful this effort to establish a National Periodical of Odd-Fellowship.

Resolved, That as soon as the editor and manager shall have received the names of twenty-five thousand subscribers, together with their subscription money, that he then proceed as rapidly as possible to the preparation and publication of the work, and that he be authorized to employ the assistance of as many contributors as he deems proper, provided that no greater amount be expended than the excess of receipts after payment of his own salary and all expenses connected with the issuing of such periodical.

Resolved, That the periodical be styled the "ODD-FELLOW," that it be published in the city of Baltimore, that the price of subscription be three dollars per annum, and that the salary of the editor and manager be one thousand dollars for the first year, to commence with the issuing of the first number.

Resolved, That inasmuch as during the interim between the present and the next session of the Grand Lodge many questions of a character requiring deliberate consideration and action connected with the periodical above referred to are likely to arise, the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is hereby authorized to consult and advise with the M. W. Grand Sire and the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire in all matters pertaining thereto; and the Grand Lodge hereby fully empowers the three officers named therein to take whatever measures they may deem proper and necessary to accomplish successfully the objects contemplated in these resolutions, provided that no greater expense than one hundred and fifty dollars be incurred, unless the same be met out of the proceeds derived from subscriptions to the periodical.

Also, the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That when a brother without the term password shall apply for admisssion to his own Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Noble Grand, after he has ascertained from the proper financial officer that such brother is not disqualified from receiving such password, to *direct* the admittance of the said brother.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That from and after the first day of April, 1860, the terms of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall commence on the first day of April and October, and end on the last day of March and September, and the present term shall be extended to and end with the last day of March, 1860.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland in response to the preamble and resolutions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, asking an expression of the views of State Grand Bodies upon proposed changes in the ratio of representation and sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, should any be made, found on page 2995 Revised Journal.

The committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the Grand Representatives as relates to certain proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, having reference to a change of representation to, or of the meetings of the Grand Lodge, have had the several proposed amendments under consideration and respectfully report:

That in the opinion of the committee, the amendment contained in the following language:

"SECTION 2. Every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing shall be entitled to one vote in the Grand Lodge; every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing shall be entitled to two votes; and no State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than one Grand Representative at the

same time; provided, however, that any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be entitled to as many Grand Representatives as it may have votes on assuming the payment of the mileage and per diem of the additional Grand Representative:"

Would give most satisfaction to the Order generally. Your committee therefore recommend that our Representatives be instructed to vote for the same, and in the event of that failing to be adopted by the constitutional majority, your committee recommend that our Representatives be instructed to vote for the following amendment:

"SECTION 2. Every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing shall be entitled to one vote in the Grand Lodge; every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing shall be entitled to two votes; and no State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than one Grand Representative at the same time."

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution offered by Rep. Garwood, of California, namely:

Resolved, That a State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge has a right to declare the seat of a Grand Representative *vacant* who does not return to his jurisdiction on or before the first day of January following the annual session of this R. W. Grand Lodge—

Would respectfully report, that one principal purpose to be subserved by the office of Grand Representative is the communication of the annual password to the Executive of his respective jurisdiction, and that a Grand Representative who should wilfully neglect to return to his jurisdiction before the commencement of the year during which the annual password was to run, and thus leave his Grand Body without the means of receiving it by a direct channel, would render himself justly liable to the discipline of the Grand Body which he represented. In order to sanction this principle, to extend its operation to both classes of Grand Bodies, to provide a specific penalty for the offence, and at the same time to protect the rights of Grand Representatives whose apparent neglect may not be wilful, we have amended the resolution, and recommend its adoption in the following form:

Resolved, That a State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment has a right to declare the seat of a Grand Representative vacant who does not return to his jurisdiction on or be before the first day January following the annual session of this R. W. Grand Lodge, at which he shall represent such State, District, or Territorial Grand Body, unless he shall be prevented by sickness or unavoidable accident, of which the Grand Body he represents shall be the judge.

JOHN W. DWINELLE,
R. A. CALDWELL,
GEO. W. ADAMS,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
THOMAS STEERS.

Also, from the same committee, the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution, offered by Rep. Garwood, of California, pursuant to instructions of the Grand Lodge of California, namely:

"*Resolved*, That all laws and resolutions of this Grand Lodge relating to the payment to Grand Representatives of per diem and mileage be and the same are hereby repealed and abolished:"

Would respectfully report, that although the proposition, coming from a jurisdiction which derives so large a benefit from the existing system of per diem and mileage, is highly honorable to that jurisdiction, and notwithstanding that a difference of opinion on the subject matter of the resolution exists among the members of your committee, still, in view of the decisive vote on the subject which has this day been taken in this R. W. Grand Body, we are of opinion that it is inexpedient to attempt to legislate further in that regard at the present session.

JOHN W. DWINELLE,
R. A. CALDWELL,
GEO. W. ADAMS,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
THOMAS STEERE.

The Chair named Reps. Banbury, of Iowa, and Kidder, of New Hampshire, on the Committee on Printing, vice Lints, of Pennsylvania, and Fuller, of Lower Provinces, absent.

On motion of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

SAMUEL CRAIGHEAD.....M. W. Grand Sire.
EDWD. H. FITZHUGH.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. A. PAUL REPITON...R. W. Grand Chaplain.
ISAAC M. TUCKER.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
S. H. LEWYT.....W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN..W. Grand Messenger.

And a representation from every jurisdiction excepting Lower Provinces of British North America.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. A. Paul Repiton, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. Mills, of Kentucky, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following special committees, pursuant to the recommendation of the committee to distribute

the several subjects referred to in the annual reports of the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary:

On death of P. G. Rep. Whitall.—Reps. Nixon, Stetson, and Bragg, of Louisiana; Andrews, of Texas; and Bailey, of Mississippi.

On death of P. G. Rep. Purdin.—Reps. Kendall, Garwood, and White, of California; Schiefer, of Missouri; and Barron, of Wisconsin.

On death of P. G. Rep. Wm. Bayley.—Reps. Marley, Young, Ellis, and Escavaille, of Maryland; and Clements, of District of Columbia.

On death of P. G. Rep. Wm. G. Williams.—Reps. True, Winchell, and Clemmer, of Ohio; Herndon, of Indiana; and Barnum, of Oregon.

On the Australian Question.—Reps. Bailey, of Missouri; Kennedy, of Southern New York; Stewart, of Indiana; Patten, of Georgia; and Nicholson, of Pennsylvania.

The Grand Treasurer submitted his annual report as follows, which was, on motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report of the receipts, disbursements, &c., for the year commencing on the 22d of September, 1858, and ending on the 20th of September, inclusive, 1859.

The revenue proper for the year, was	$17,373 70
And the expenses were	17,536 19
Exhibiting an excess of disbursements over the receipts of	101 10

The balance now in the treasury is $10,331.96, which sum, it is presumed, will be nearly sufficient to pay the mileage and per diem expenses of the Representatives in attendance at the present session.

During the six months which succeeded the last session of this Grand Lodge, I was compelled to borrow, from time to time, the sum of $3,100 to meet liabilities, the greater portion of which accrued within the three months which succeeded the adjournment of the Grand Lodge in 1858. It will doubtless be again necessary to authorize the Grand Sire to issue the promissory notes of the Grand Lodge for about the same amount, in order to pay bills for printing, &c., which will be presented and should be cancelled before sufficient revenue will be received for the sale of "supplies" to accomplish that end.

The revenue and the expenditures of the Grand Lodge for the last three years furnish a fair data upon which financial estimates for the future may be predicated, viz:

For the year ending in September, 1857, the revenue proper was	$17,842 69
For the year ending in September, 1858, the revenue proper was	17,054 42
For the year ending in September, 1859, the revenue proper was	17,435 09
Showing an average annual revenue of	$17,444 03

The expenses proper for the year ending in September, 1857, were	$17,663 55
The expenses proper for the year ending in September, 1858, were	17,034 59
The expenses proper for the year ending in September, 1859, were	17,536 19

Exhibiting an average of $17,411 44 per year, and $32 94 less per year than the average revenue for that period.

The amount paid for the mileage and per diem of Representatives has been equally uniform for the last four years.

For this object the amount paid at session of 1855. was	$10,948 20
For this object the amount paid at session of 1856, was	10,653 39
For this object the amount paid at session of 1857, was	10,996 83
For this object the amount paid at session of 1858, was	10,575 80
Being an average of	$10,793 53

This item is referred to because it constitutes nearly two-thirds of the gross expenses of the Grand Lodge, and hence forms an important feature in making up financial estimates, unless the body shall change the place for holding its sessions.

It is reasonable to infer that upon the present financial basis the revenue for the future will be sufficient for the ordinary expenses of your R. W. Body. But if the wants of the Order should render the publication of new editions of the revised and bound Journal of Proceedings necessary, or should require any other large extraordinary appropriation of money, it will, I fear, be found inadequate. Whether such expenditures will be required is a matter for your deliberation and decision—not for mine—and I only refer to the subject in this connection for the purpose of impressing upon your notice the theory that no large expenditures of money were required for extraordinary purposes for the three years from which I have made comparisons.

Fraternally yours,

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer.*

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.*

1858.	TO CASH RECEIVED.	Dr.
Sept. 21,	To cash balance as per report, page 2907, Journal of 1858,	$10,433 06
	To this sum received from Grand Secretary Ridgely from 22d September 1858, to 1st September 1859, both inclusive	11,825 22
	To this sum received from Grand Secretary Ridgely from 2d September, 1859, to 20th September, 1859, both inclusive	5,548 48
Oct. 20,	Note of Grand Lodge of the United States, discounted	633 33
1859.		
Jan. 5,	Note of Grand Lodge of the United States, discounted	633 33
Feb. 2,	Note of Grand Lodge of the United States, discounted	633 34
Mar. 2,	Note of Grand Lodge of the United States, discounted	600 00
Mar. 2,	Note of Grand Lodge of the United States, discounted	600 00
Sept. 19,	Note of Grand Lodge of Maine	50 00
Sept. 19,	Interest on notes of Grand Lodge of Maine	11 39
		$30,968 15

1858.	BY CASH PAID.	Cr.
Sept. 23, No. 1,	Fuller, E. G., mileage and per diem	$125 50
Sept. 24, No. 2,	Adams, G. W., mileage and per diem	102 50
Sept. 24, No. 3,	Archer, C. C., mileage and per diem	107 80
Sept. 24, No. 4,	Armstrong, P. M., mileage and per diem	103 80
Sept. 24, No. 5,	Armington, H., mileage and per diem	52 20
Sept. 24, No. 6,	Askew, H. F., mileage and per diem	22 50

Sept. 24, No.	7, Barber L. K., mileage and per diem	$162 30
Sept. 24, No.	8, Barnes, A. A., mileage and per diem	77 70
Sept. 24, No.	9, Barry, A. S., mileage and per diem	108 80
Sept. 24, No.	10, Blake, T. N., mileage and per diem	159 80
Sept. 24, No.	11, Boylston, R. B., mileage and per diem	77 30
Sept. 24, No.	12, Brewster, J. A., mileage and per diem	625 00
Sept. 24, No.	13, Buckingham, C. E., mileage and per diem	55 80
Sept. 24, No.	14, Burham, E. P., mileage and per diem	65 60
Sept 24, No.	15, Caldwell, R. A., mileage and per diem	66 30
Sept. 24, No.	16, Cassedy, G. W., mileage and per diem	34 20
Sept. 24, No.	17, Clark, A. B., mileage and per diem	126 00
Sept 24, No.	18, Clark, H., mileage and per diem	57 40
Sept. 24, No.	19, Clayton, J. G., mileage and per diem	34 20
Sept. 24, No.	20, Clemmer, J. H., mileage and per diem	74 20
Sept. 24, No.	21, Conley, B., mileage and per diem	85 70
Sept. 24, No.	22, Cornwell, W. J., mileage and per diem	67 60
Sept. 24, No.	23, Cook, W. H., mileage and per diem	179 30
Sept. 24, No.	24, Craighead, S., mileage and per diem	74 00
Sept. 24, No.	25, Crutcher, W., mileage and per diem	147 60
Sept. 24, No.	26, Danenhower, W. W., mileage and per diem	97 80
Sept. 24, No.	27, Davis, S. S., mileage and per diem	59 20
Sept. 24, No.	28, Dwinelle, J. W., mileage and per diem	74 40
Sept. 24, No.	29, Earl, W. C., mileage and per diem	68 70
Sept. 24, No.	30, Edwards, W. K., mileage and per diem	91 20
Sept. 24, No.	31, Ellis, F. A., mileage and per diem	20 10
Sept. 24, No.	32, Escavaille, J. B, per diem	15 00
Sept. 24, No.	33, Foster, F. M., mileage and per diem	81 40
Sept. 24 No.	34, Farnsworth, E. D., mileage and per diem	107 70
Sept. 24, No.	35, Fitzhugh, E. H., mileage and per diem	52 90
Sept. 24, No.	36, Foute, A. M., mileage and per diem	122 60
Sept. 24, No.	37, Garrett, W., mileage and per diem	125 00
Sept. 24, No.	38, Gilmore, D., mileage and per diem	58 70
Sept. 24, No.	39, Glenn, A. E., mileage and per diem	66 20
Sept. 24, No.	40, Green, V., mileage and per diem	106 30
Sept. 24, No.	41, Harvey, J. S., mileage and per diem	87 30
Sept. 24, No.	42, Hemingray, J. C., mileage and per diem	157 80
Sept. 24, No.	43, Herndon, M., mileage and per diem	94 70
Sept. 24, No.	44, Hills, L. B., mileage and per diem	112 80
Sept. 24, No.	45, Hodgson, J. W., mileage and per diem	19 00
Sept. 24, No.	46, Hoke, W. J., mileage and per diem	76 40
Sept. 24, No.	47, Howe, R. D., mileage and per diem	147 60
Sept. 24, No.	48, Hunt, E. P., mileage and per diem	199 80
Sept. 24, No.	49, Jackson, C. C., mileage and per diem	42 50
Sept. 24, No.	50, Johnson, T. R, mileage and per diem	610 30
Sept. 24, No.	51, Kellogg, J. B., mileage and per diem	106 30
Sept. 24, No.	52, Kennedy, John A., mileage and per diem	34 20
Sept. 24, No.	53, Kidder, J., mileage and per diem	60 80
Sept. 24, No.	54, Lane, M. T., mileage and per diem	81 30
Sept. 24, No.	55, Langdon, D. C., mileage and per diem	34 20
Sept. 24, No.	56, Lints, J. J., mileage and per diem	71 60
Sept. 24, No.	57, Lockett, H. E., mileage and per diem	214 80
Sept. 24, No.	58, McAuley, J. G., mileage and per diem	122 50
Sept. 24, No.	59, McKinstry, A., mileage and per diem	140 30
Sept. 24, No.	60, Marley, R., per diem	15 00
Sept. 24, No.	61, Marsh, A. C., mileage and per diem	116 20
Sept. 24, No.	62, Mason, W. B., mileage and per diem	86 70
Sept. 24, No.	63, May, S. E., mileage and per diem	712 00
Sept. 24, No.	64, Mitchell, C. B., mileage and per diem	179 60
Sept. 24, No.	65, Mitchell, E., mileage and per diem	81 80
Sept. 24, No.	66, Nutter, C., mileage and per diem	65 60

Sept. 24, No. 67, Peers, V, C., mileage and per diem	$117	30
Sept. 24, No. 68, Phelps. J., mileage and per diem	48	00
Sept. 24, No. 69, Pope, J., mileage and per diem	115	00
Sept. 24, No. 70, Race G. W., mileage and per diem	159	80
Sept. 24, No. 71, Rand, C., mileage and per diem	55	80
Sept. 24, No. 72, Rich, T., mileage and per diem	19	00
Sept. 24, No. 73, Richardson, J., mileage and per diem	22	50
Sept. 24, No. 74, Robinson, E. C., mileage and per diem	35	00
Sept. 24, No. 75, Robinson, I., mileage and per diem	19	00
Sept. 24, No. 76, Robinson, J. H., mileage and per diem	44	30
Sept. 24, No. 77, Rodney, J. L., mileage and per diem	30	50
Sept. 24, No. 78, Shields, T. N., mileage and per diem	159	80
Sept. 24, No. 79, Shinkle, A., mileage and per diem	74	30
Sept. 24, No. 80, Stetson, H. G., mileage and per diem	159	80
Sept. 24, No. 81, Stewart, J. H., mileage and per diem	89	20
Sept. 24, No. 82, Storer, E. G., mileage and per diem	41	60
Sept. 24, No. 83, Straw, S. B., mileage and per diem	80	60
Sept. 24, No. 84, Stuart, F. D., mileage and per diem	19	00
Sept. 24, No. 85, Tapley, W. R., mileage and per diem	62	60
Sept. 24, No. 86, Taylor, W. R., mileage and per diem	24	80
Sept. 24, No. 87, Terry, J. C., mileage and per diem	162	30
Sept. 24, No. 88, Thayer, W., mileage and per diem	81	80
Sept. 24, No. 89, Tucker, E. N., mileage and per diem	55	80
Sept. 24, No. 90, Tucker, I. M., mileage and per diem	33	40
Sept. 24, No 91, Veitch, I. M., mileage and per diem	107	80
Sept. 24, No. 92, Wilson, J. J. F., mileage and per diem	140	30
Sept. 24, No. 93, Whitaker, J. S., mileage and per diem	27	30
Sept. 24, No. 94, White, P., mileage and per diem	610	30
Sept. 24, No. 95, Williamson, D., mileage and per diem	51	90
Sept. 24, No. 96, Wilcox, M. E., mileage and per diem	112	70
Sept. 24, No. 97, Wolford, C., mileage and per diem	87	40
Sept. 24, No. 98, Yale, C., mileage and per diem	59	00
Sept. 24, No. 99, Young, W. H., per diem	15	00
Sept. 24, No 100, Zimmerman, L. C., mileage and per diem	26	50
Sept. 24, No. 101, Lewyt, S. H., per diem	15	00
Sept. 25, No. 102, James Young, printing card certificates	10	00
Sept. 25, No. 103, J. Vansant, Grand Treasurer, discount on uncurrent funds	1	10
Sept. 25, No. 104, J. J. Johnson, services	12	00
Sept. 25, No 105, Jacob Mearis, services	5	00
Oct. 2, No. 106, G. Mess. Chamberlain, postages and office expenses.	70	12
Oct. 2, No. 107, G. Rep. E. C. Robinson, counterfeit note returned.	5	00
Oct. 9, No. 108, Bull & Tuttle, advertising in Philadelphia News	9	63
Oct. 20, No. 109, Chesapeake Bank, discount of note of G. Lodge at 4 months	11	40
Oct. 23, No. 110, James Young, printing daily Journal, &c.	609	34
Oct. 26, No. 111, Chesapeake Bank, collecting draft on Virginia	1	50
Nov. 8, No. 112, Insurance Company, risk on furniture of Grand Lodge	13	50
Dec. 1, No 113, G. Sec. Ridgely, three months' services	300	00
Dec. 1, No. 114, G. Mess. Chamberlain, three months' services and office expenses	200	35
Dec. 24, No. 115, James Young, on account printing revised Journal.	400	00
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Jan. 1, No. 116, G. Mess. Chamberlain, packing cases, postages, &c.	63	23
Jan. 8, No. 117, James Young, on account printing Journal	500	00
Jan. 5, No 119, Chesapeake Bank, discount on note of G. Lodge, at 5 months	6	22
Jan. 13, No. 118, W. W. Moore, making Digest Grand Lodge Proceedings	100	00

Jan. 22, No. 120, A. Fisher, portrait of P. G. S. G. W. Race.....	$230 00
Jan. 31, No 121, James Young, on account printing Journal.....	409 00
Feb. 2, No. 122, Chesapeake Bank, discount on note of G. Lodge, at 6 months.....	6 54
Feb. 4, No. 123, Chesapeake Bank, note of Grand Lodge of Oct. 1, 1853, at 4 mos.....	633 33
Feb. 21, No. 124, James Young, printing Journal, &c.....	400 82
Feb. 28, No. 125, G. Secretary Ridgely, three months' services.....	300 00
Feb. 28, No. 126, G. Mess. Chamberlain, three months' services, postages, &c.....	182 50
Mar. 2, No. 127, Chesapeake Bank, note of Grand Lodge of Oct. 1, 1858, at 5 mos.....	633 33
Mar. 2, No. 128, Chesapeake Bank, discount on two notes Grand Lodge.....	21 90
Apr. 4, No. 129, Chesapeake Bank, note of Grand Lodge of Oct. 1, 1858, at 6 mos.....	633 34
May 14, No. 130, James Young, printing degree books, &c.....	225 00
May 17, No. 131, J. Vansant, discount paid on uncurrent funds.....	47
June 1, No. 132, G. Secretary Ridgely, three months' services.....	300 00
June 1. No. 133, G. Mess. Chamberlain, three months' services, postages, &c.....	209 82
June 4, No. 134, Chesapeake Bank, note of Grand Lodge of March 1, 1859, at 3 mos.....	600 00
July 2, No. 135, Chesapeake Bank, note of Grand Lodge of March 1, 1859, at 4 mos.....	600 00
July 15, No. 136, W. H. Dougal, engraving plate for members' certificate.....	400 00
July 30, No. 137, James Young, printing cards, &c.....	48 00
Aug. 6, No. 138, Grand Lodge of Maryland, rent, gas and fuel of Grand Secretary's office.....	275 00
Aug. 29, No. 139, J. W. Bond & Co., stationery.....	104 25
Aug. 29, No. 140, P. G. S. W. Ellison, portrait and frame.....	125 00
Sept. 3, No. 141, G. Secretary Ridgely, three months' services.....	300 00
Sept. 3, No. 142, G. Mess. Chamberlain, three months' services, postages, &c.....	199 15
Sept. 8, No. 143, Bull & Tuttle, advertising for proposals for printing.....	33 25
Sept. 19, No. 144, J. A. Kennedy, on account celebration of the fortieth anniversary of Odd-Fellows, at New York City...	489 00
Sept. 19, No. 145, J. M. Anderson & Son, printing visiting cards, &c.	191 25
Sept. 19, No. 146, G. Treasurer J. Vansant, one year's salary.....	200 00
	$20,636 19
Balance in the treasury.....	10,331 96
	$30,968 15

The Corresponding Secretary submitted the following supplementary report, which, on motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Corresponding and Recording Secretary respectfully submits the subjoined supplementary statement of the receipts since the close of his former report:

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts by the Grand Secretary after the close of his Annual Report, up to and inclusive of September 19, 1859.*

GRAND LODGES.	Bal'ce.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Miscel-lan's.	Repres. tax.	Total.
Louisiana	.....	$80 00	$30 00	$25 00	.....	$150 00	$285 00
Maine	.....	4 80	.....	.....	.....	150 00	154 80
Georgia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Massachusetts	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	200 00
Florida	.....	20 00	100 00	.....	.....	75 00	195 00
New Jersey	.....	60 00	46 00	.....	.....	150 00	256 00
Iowa	.....	.....	67 50	.....	.....	150 00	217 50
Michigan	.....	60 00	80 00	.....	.....	150 00	290 00
Wisconsin	.....	5 00	6 00	.....	63	150 00	161 63
Lower Provinces	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Pennsylvania	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Ohio	.....	120 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	130 00
Connecticut	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Kansas	$5 85	.....	36 75	1 25	31	75 00	119 16
Tennessee	52 50	60 00	30 00	.....	.....	150 00	292 50
Maryland	.....	20 00	3 50	.....	.....	.....	23 50
Vermont	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
District of Columbia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Oregon	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	75 00	81 00
Mississippi	.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00
Northern New York	.....	.....	200 00	.....	.....	150 00	350 00
Virginia	.....	101 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	101 00
Nebraska	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
	58 35	680 80	515 75	36 25	94	2400 00	3692 09

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts by the Grand Secretary, after the close of his Annual Report, up to and inclusive of September 19, 1859.*

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Represent'e tax.	Total.
Louisiana	.....	.....	.....	75 00	$75 00
Georgia	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Massachusetts	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Pennsylvania	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Michigan	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Wisconsin	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Maryland	.....	40 00	5 00	150 00	195 00
Connecticut	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Tennessee	.....	.....	7 50	75 00	82 50
District of Columbia	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Maine	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Rhode Island	6 00	.....	.....	75 00	81 00
Northern New York	.....	.....	6 25	75 00	81 25
Texas	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Ohio	.....	20 00	37 50	150 00	207 50
Virginia	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
New Jersey	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
	$6 00	$60 00	$56 25	$1575 00	$1,697 25

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts of Grand Secretary, after the close of his Annual Report, up to and inclusive of the 19th of September*, 1859.

	Books.	Dues.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Ellison Encampment, No. 1, Oregon	.....	$42 84	.....	$42 84
B. Verner, of Michigan	.....	.....	23 70	23 70
Alex. E. Glenn, of Ohio	$3 50	.....	58	4 08
Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, Minne'a.	.....	10 89	.....	10 89
Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3, Vt.	.....	50	.....	50
D. Wilkinson, of Rhode Island	.....	.....	2 13	2 13
	$3 50	$54 23	$26 41	$84 14

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

BALANCE	Statement	$439 01	
	Supplementary	64 35	$503 36
CHARTERS	Statement	30 00	30 00
CARDS	Statement	3,894 37	
	Supplementary	740 80	4,635 17
BOOKS	Statement	2,978 10	
	Supplementary	675 50	3,653 60
REPRESENTATIVE TAX	Statement	3,675 00	
	Supplementary	3,975 00	7,650 00
DIPLOMAS	Statement	45 00	45 00
DUES	Statement	290 40	
	Supplementary	54 23	344 63
ODES	Statement	244 85	
	Supplementary	36 25	281 10
MISCELLANEOUS	Statement	203 49	
	Supplementary	27 35	230 84
TOTAL			$17,373 70

AMOUNT OF MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE WILDEY ANNUITY, *from September*, 1858, *to September*, 1859.

Grand Lodge of Missouri	$40 00
Grand Lodge of Maryland	40 00
Grand Lodge of South Carolina	40 00
	$120 00

AMOUNT OF SUPPLIES *sold from September* 21, 1858, *to September* 20, 1859, *showing cost of articles, selling price, and profits.*

Number of each article sold.		Sold for.	Cost price.	Profit.
Cards, 23,159		$4,631 80	$260 75	$4,371 05
Degree of Rebekah sold, 183		228 75	23 79	204 96
Degree books, 266		672 50	53 20	619 30
Charge books, 466		1,115 00	84 74	1,030 26
Installation books, 771		771 00	106 94	664 94
Institution books sold, 41 Furnished D. D. Grand Sire, 1	42	50 00	6 72	43 28
Odes, 5,822		291 10	116 44	174 66
Grand Lodge books, 4		8 00	80	7 20
Forms for Degree Lodges, 37		1 85	37	1 48
Grand Encampment books, 6		7 50	.....	7 50
Encampment books sold, 91 Furnished new Encampments, 12	103	227 50	25 75	201 75
Diplomas, 95		95 00	.....	.....
Digested Index sold, 166 Per resolution G. L. U. S. 65	231	290 50	115 50	175 00
Revised Journal, vols. sold 66 Per resolution G. L. U. S., vols 209	275	167 50	.....	.....
		$8,558 00	$795 00	$7,501 32

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Supplies on hand September 21, 1858, *amount received since, amount sold during the year, and amount on hand September*, 19, 1859.

	Cards.	Degree of Rebekah.	Charge Books.	Degree Books.	Installation Books.	Institution Books.	Grand Lodge Books.	Encampment Books.	Grand Enc t Books.	Diplomas.	Odes.	Digested Index.	Revised Journal.	Forms, Deg. Lodges.
On hand Sept'r 21, 1858	18337	1331	1089	652	....	274	76	1498	53	...	27640	330	880	7260
Received during the year	17000	....	....	1000	1000	...	..	....	..	350	.....	...	....	....
Total	35337	1331	1089	1652	1000	274	76	1498	53	350	27640	330	880	7260
Sold during the year	23159	183	446	266	771	42	4	103	6	95	5822	231	275	37
On hand Sept'r 19, 1859	12178	1148	643	1386	229	232	72	1395	44	255	21718	99	505	7223

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *G. Cor. and Rec. Sec'ry.*

SEPTEMBER 21, 1859.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1859.

LODGES.	No. of Lodges.	No. of initiations.	No. of rejections.	No. admitted by card.	No. withdrawn by card.	No. of reinstatements.	No. of suspensions.
G. L. Maryland.....	90	835	103	116	183	153	928
G. L. Massachusetts....	67	200	4	26	50	56	371
G. L. S. New York.....	118	594	24	95	120	66	991
G. L. Pennsylvania.....	511	3259	288	283	665	376	5346
G. L. Dis. of Columbia..	13	123	11	29	26	28	99
G. L. Delaware.....	28	233	15	12	40	42	2
G. L. Ohio.....	339	1865	195	545	958	101	231
G. L. Louisiana.....	36	220	22	64	115	42	243
G. L. New Jersey.....	98	287	27	21	40	44	442
G. L. Kentucky.....	112	558	45	129	164	38	187
G. L. Virginia.....	89	406	39	70	123	34	109
G. L. Indiana.....	194	990	116	281	455	76	534
G. L. Mississippi.....	57	210	11	95	137	62	73
G. L. Missouri.....	122	811	131	272	372	55	342
G. L. Illinois	270	1504	119	521	631	249	1168
G. L. Connecticut.....	32	82	.....	7	18	11	210
G. L. Texas.....	74	566	64	180	300	13	256
G. L. Tennessee.....	106	285	43	94	193	106	390
G. L. South Carolina....	22	154	10	19	50	7	62
G. L. Alabama.....	32	165	16	63	91	30	96
G. L. North Carolina...	47	104	19	9	40	7	92
G. L. Georgia.....	23	197	22	29	38	29	86
G. L. Maine.....	24	24	.....	3	9	.....	153
G. L. New Hampshire..	25	142	4	6	17	5	100
G. L. Michigan.....	35	132	8	16	47	21	316
G. L. Wisconsin.....	61	283	21	54	119	37	224
G. L. Vermont.....	12	29	1	4	9	6	64
G. L. Iowa.....	118	390	37	157	289	67	598
G. L. Arkansas.....	16	83	10	40	31	3	3
G. L. Rhode Island.....	14	41	.....	3	6	14	77
G. L. N. New York....	493	576	45	68	183	191	1633
G. L. Florida.....	9	27	7	8	14	7	40
G. L. Minnesota.....	9	43	.....	35	21	6	34
G. L. California.....	88	960	124	609	443	70	295
G. L. Lower Provinces..	4	47	5	2	12	1	8
G. L. Canada West.....	12	106	13	3	13	4	56
G. L. Oregon*.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Nebraska.....	6	21	1	12	10	1	25
G. L. Kansas.....	10	131	11	57	24	1	13
Sandwich Islands.....	1	11	1	1	7	1	4
Washington Territory*..	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	3425	17,654	1612	4038	6073	1960	15,906

* No report.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June 30 1859, continued.*

LODGES.	No. of expulsions.	No. of deaths.	No. of members.	No. of brothers relieved.	No. of widowed families relieved.	Amount paid for the relief of brothers.
G. L. Maryland.....	23	131	12,300	1879	260	$27,938 36
G. L. Massachusetts....	7	52	4859	360	170	9,580 85
G. L. S. New York.....	12	108	8153	1208	506	25,037 93
G. L. Pennsylvania.....	126	421	42,542	5801	546	84,345 62
G. L. Dis. of Columbia..	2	12	1397	211	48	2,544 00
G. L. Delaware.....	2	12	1923	217	25	2,900 50
G. L. Ohio.....	1210	174	22,229	1952	277	30,750 55
G. L. Louisiana.....	32	65	2401	264	69	7,017 55
G. L. New Jersey.....	31	35	4583	462	52	8,715 31
G. L. Kentucky.....	23	51	4941	448	97	7,578 00
G. L. Virginia.....	390	62	5478	599	69	7,450 33
G. L. Indiana.....	52	69	8785	1151	42	14,178 30
G. L. Mississippi.....	61	27	1675	52	7	821 25
G. L. Missouri.....	34	47	4824	312	61	5,055 70
G. L. Illinois.....	476	91	10,562	831	110	9,351 78
G. L. Connecticut.....	2	9	1900	216	17	5,586 58
G. L. Texas.....	7	55	2749	204	1	5,200 00
G. L. Tennessee.....	118	18	2592	.....	.....	3,009 97
G. L. South Carolina....	4	21	1610	141	60	2,423 75
G. L. Alabama.....	36	31	1108	76	24	1,949 26
G. L. North Carolina....	32	16	1180	54	8	549 50
G. L. Georgia.....	3	13	1015	139	15	1,497 90
G. L. Maine.....	2	9	1203	84	14	2,556 68
G. L. New Hampshire..	6	17	1730	115	4	2,358 05
G. L. Michigan.....	6	12	1443	54	27	555 44
G. L. Wisconsin.....	120	10	2099	47	4	582 63
G. L. Vermont.....	1	3	306	8	.....	87 37
G. L. Iowa.....	41	18	3711	153	22	1,438 45
G. L. Arkansas.....	2	2	549	.....	.....	193 50
G. L. Rhode Island.....	1	3	729	50	16	1,726 75
G. L. N. New York....	20	68	10,762	601	118	9,547 60
G. L. Florida.....	.....	7	247	4	1	36 00
G. L. Minnesota.....	22	1	334	9	1	93 16
G. L. California.....	31	26	4475	407	13	16,682 03
G. L. Lower Provinces..	.....	1	156	11	1	84 00
G. L. Canada West.....	108	6	556	.....	11	533 50
G. L. Oregon*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Nebraska.....	1	2	204	4	.....	44 00
G. L. Kansas.....	1	4	333	.....	.....	.....
Sandwich Islands.....	15	1	58	7	1	387 00
Washington Territory*..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	3350	1710	177,711	18,131	2697	$300,389 15

* No report.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1859, *continued.*

LODGES.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.	Amount paid for the education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount of the annual receipts.
G. L. Maryland	$19,020 17	$4,736 74	$6,694 56	$103,513 59
G. L. Massachusetts	3,340 63	.....	1,863 00	19,786 79
G. L. S. New York	4,788 89	412 50	4,182 75	66,679 13
G. L. Pennsylvania	5,429 78	234 30	20,566 99	225,966 29
G. L. Dis. of Columbia	1,175 41	450 22	495 50	9,408 11
G. L. Delaware	327 16	4 48	374 75	9,414 82
G. L. Ohio	4,270 70	100 21	4,744 57	117,130 21
G. L. Louisiana	4,071 06	454 00	3,693 05	35,079 45
G. L. New Jersey	1,089 20	440 37	1,161 50	28,695 41
G. L. Kentucky	1,582 35	340 90	2,376 10	36,834 11
G. L. Virginia	1,203 30	1,596 84	1,979 28	23,971 04
G. L. Indiana	575 35	1,428 16	2,843 50	221,172 23
G. L. Mississippi	222 07	123 00	634 10	12,596 92
G. L. Missouri	2,257 80	1,080 00	1,371 65	43,431 49
G. L. Illinois	1,704 24	262 79	2,201 00	56,614 32
G. L. Connecticut	231 92	11 24	397 50	12,945 83
G. L. Texas	66 00	250 00	1,053 60	26,459 00
G. L. Tennessee	.....	.....	717 00	17,404 99
G. L. South Carolina	2,168 60	803 30	702 60	11,165 59
G. L. Alabama	963 75	297 70	513 00	12,037 75
G. L North Carolina	251 00	377 44	255 28	6,882 54
G. L. Georgia	707 00	61 74	465 00	6,931 25
G. L. Maine	227 75	.....	180 00	4,192 49
G. L. New Hampshire	57 00	.....	520 00	1,825 50
G. L. Michigan	425 15	19 75	212 00	7,235 52
G. L. Wisconsin	77 88	.....	240 32	8,531 53
G. L. Vermont	.....	.....	90 00	1,254 71
G. L. Iowa	514 10	74 40	554 92	19,670 88
G. L. Arkansas	100 00	8 00	55 00	4,990 96
G. L. Rhode Island	317 41	4 00	105 00	4,602 35
G. L. N. New York	2,614 58	194 40	1,682 18	34,946 31
G. L. Florida	115 00	89 34	50 00	1,628 83
G. L. Minnesota	33 55	.....	30 00	.....
G. L. California	606 60	32 00	2,034 65	112,272 79
G. L. Lower Provinces	20 00	.....	30 00	900 00
G. L. Canada West	424 00	.....	48 00	4,021 00
G. L. Oregon*	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Nebraska	.....	.....	.....	950 00
G. L. Kansas	.....	.....	.....	3,738 30
Sandwich Islands	75 00	.....	110 00	1,198 63
Washington Territory*	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$61,454 00	$13,888 72	$65,227 75	$1,1 6,080 60

* No report.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June 30, 1859.*

ENCAMPMENTS.	No. of Subordinates.	No. of initiations.	No. of rejections.	No. admitted by card.	No. withdrawn by card.	No. of reinstatements.	No. of suspensions.	No. of expulsions.	No. of deaths.	No. of members.	No. of Patriarchs relieved.
G. E. Maryland.....	11	64	3	7	11	11	86	....	16	1531	264
G. E. Pennsylvania.....	91	289	11	13	29	19	370	1	44	5381	753
G. E. S. New York.....	13	41	1	4	5	6	42	....	7	482	28
G. E. Ohio.....	83	316	22	130	239	13	18	210	33	4246	277
G. E. Kentucky.....	24	83	5	8	8	7	16	4	10	735	55
G. E. Virginia.....	31	60	1	6	8	9	16	27	9	1100	98
G. E. Connecticut.....	7	34	..	1	1	...	31	....	1	256	4
G. E. New Jersey*.....	...	....	..	....	....	...	....	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. South Carolina.....	4	27	..	....	3	1	....	....	....	195	8
G. E. Massachusetts.....	14	52	1	2	8	8	33	1	6	783	42
G. E. Maine.....	5	.....	..	....	.....	...	3	....	...	153	10
G. E. New Hampshire...	6	15	..	1	3	...	17	1	4	244	6
G. E. Missouri.....	28	161	4	23	23	3	34	....	6	684	31
G. E. Dis. of Columbia..	4	40	..	4	9	9	15	....	2	316	40
G. E. Georgia.....	6	42	1	1	1	3	13	....	3	191	7
G. E. North Carolina*...	...	....	..	....	....	...	....	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. Indiana.....	59	324	..	36	49	...	28	5	12	1931	153
G. E. Michigan.....	4	8	..	1	10	1	9	....	1	116	.....
G. E. Tennessee.....	22	71	4	5	12	...	5	1	1	392	9
G. E. Mississippi.....	16	19	..	2	19	3	25	2	24	155	3
G. E. Louisiana.....	6	25	..	2	17	5	25	....	9	272	13
G. E. Alabama.....	4	12	..	....	4	...	....	....	1	116	.....
G. E. Wisconsin.....	11	52	..	....	9	1	3	....	1	252	.....
G. E. Rhode Island.....	6	17	..	....	....	21	5	1	....	172	6
G. E. N. New York.....	73	67	1	3	11	8	85	1	4	933	28
G. E. Illinois.....	41	100	2	12	22	4	9	14	12	1143	17
G. E. Iowa.....	17	37	2	14	25	1	35	....	....	454	9
G, E. Texas.....	16	58	..	....	5	...	30	1	1	136	.....
G. E. California.....	18	167	5	38	53	5	24	1	5	557	18
Delaware.....	7	7	1	1	3	...	17	....	2	278	14
Sandwich Islands.....	1	10	..	1	5	...	2	....	1	30	.....
Arkansas†.....	4	6	..	1	1	...	5	1	1	40	.....
Vermont.....	3	11	..	....	....	...	1	....	....	60	.....
Florida‡.....	2	....	..	....	....	...	....	....	....	26	.....
Minnesota.....	1	8	..	1	1	...	10	....	1	24	1
Low. Provinces B. N. A..	1	6	..	....	5	...	7	....	2	14	.....
Oregon.....	1	5	..	2	....	...	....	....	....	28	.....
Kansas.....	1	15	..	7	...	...	....	....	....	22	.....
	641	2249	64	326	599	134	1021	271	219	23,448	1893

* No report. † Two reported. ‡ Not reported in full.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June 30, 1859, continued.*

ENCAMPMENTS.	No. of widowed families relieved.	Amount paid for the relief of Patriarchs.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.	Amount paid for the education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount of the annual receipts.
G. E. Maryland	18	$3,590 00	$1,980 00	.....	$890 00	$7,590 50
G. E. Pennsylvania	25	10,494 87	565 86	8 00	1,755 00	23,524 07
G. E. S. New York	1	615 00	5 00	.....	137 50	2,166 20
G. E. Ohio	10	5,940 52	168 10	.....	524 65	20,072 08
G. E. Kentucky	4	688 50	40 00	.....	115 00	3,009 50
G. E. Virginia	3	721 37	24 00	.....	340 00	3,088 13
G. E. Connecticut	....	138 00	.....	.....	.....	586 00
G. E. New Jersey*	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. South Carolina	....	69 00	22 50	.....	.....	526 48
G. E. Massachusetts	2	744 92	40 00	35 00	70 00	2,431 96
G. E. Maine	....	120 00	.....	.....	.....	316 00
G. E. New Hampshire	1	33 00	30 00	.....	.....	459 00
G. E. Missouri	....	435 00	.....	.....	25 00	2,844 28
G. E. Dis. of Columbia	....	505 00	.....	.....	60 00	1,563 36
G. E. Georgia	....	20 30	30 00	.....	.....	781 62
G. E. North Carolina*	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Indiana	4	2,149 55	55 00	.....	356 00	13,989 51
G. E. Michigan	....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	18 60
G. E. Tennessee	....	117 00	.....	.....	.....	2,232 18
G. E. Mississippi	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	94 73
G. E. Louisiana	1	172 00	50 00	.....	.....	1,951 59
G. E. Alabama	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	799 40
G. E. Wisconsin	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	697 00
G. E. Rhode Island	....	200 00	.....	.....	.....	441 71
G. E. N. New York	....	378 00	.....	.....	115 00	2,156 04
G. E. Illinois	3	179 75	84 10	.....	78 25	2,628 49
G. E. Iowa	....	48 00	.....	.....	.....	1,312 64
G. E. Texas	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,200 00
G. E. California	1	792 00	10 00	.....	187 00	9,718 44
Delaware	....	126 00	.....	.....	.....	793 03
Sandwich Islands	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	481 37
Arkansas†	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	198 00
Vermont	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 00
Florida‡	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	132 00
Minnesota	....	48 00	.....	.....	.....	140 00
Lower Provinces B. N. A.	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	72 00
Oregon	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	428 52
Kansas	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	213 00
	73	$28,825 78	$3,104 56	43 00	$4,663 40	109.737 43

* No report. † Two reported. ‡ Not reported in full.

Rep. Boylston, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. Stuart (page 3054) on the subject of expressing the rank or degree of members on cards granted them, ask leave to report that the form of cards adopted by this Grand Lodge does not provide for such expression, and that whether such change be desirable seems to your committee to be properly a matter for consideration by the Legislative Committee. They therefore ask leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution, and that the same be referred to the Legislative Committee.

R. B. BOYLSTON,
GEO. W. CASSEDY
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
J. S. HARVEY.

On motion of Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. Boylston, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire, made during the recess, and succinctly stated in his report, ask leave to report:

That they have devoted to the same all the attention due to the eminence and experience of the source whence they emanated, and the influence which such decisions always deservedly have upon the welfare of the Order at large. The committee, in considering such matters, have only to regret that they have not conveniently at their command the statement of the circumstances which induced the several rulings, and that their opinions are necessarily based upon the abstract points presented in their report.

The committee recommend that the *first*, *second*, *third*, *fourth*, *sixth*, and *eighth* decisions be confirmed, as in accordance with the law of the Order.

The committee also concur with the M. W. Grand Sire in his exposition of the existing law as set forth in the *fifth* decision, but agree with him in recommending that D. D. Grand Sires be empowered to grant final cards to members in good standing of defunct Lodges and Encampments, within their respective jurisdictions, when there is no Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, as the case may be.

As to the *seventh* decision, the committee are of opinion that the M. W. Grand Sire would have been well authorized to declare that "the dues of one joining an Encampment commence at the time he receives the Patriarchal degree." While the Grand Sire is correct in saying that there has been no direct expression of opinion by this Grand Lodge upon the precise question, all analogous decisions and principles lead

to this conclusion. It has been decided that a member who has only received the Patriarchal or the Patriarchal and Golden Rule degrees, is entitled to the semi-annual password, (4 Journal, 2145—2177,) and such a decision appears to your committee inevitably to lead to the conclusion that membership and obligation to pay dues commence with the reception of the Patriarchal degree. A different construction of existing law would lead to results calculated to produce want of harmony, if not acrimony, between adjoining jurisdictions. While the one might agree with your committee in granting a card to an Encampment member of the Patriarchal or Golden Rule degree, with the accompanying password, the adjoining jurisdiction might refuse to recognise either card or word. The committee, not believing such discrepancy to exist, recommend that the law be construed as in conformity with this view.

The *ninth* decision of the Grand Sire has evidently been made in a spirit of humanity and liberality, characteristic of the officer and Order, and the committee reluctantly conclude that these motives have suppressed the rigor of the law, which they believe to be that where the laws of the Lodge or Encampment require the payment of dues to be made to a particular officer, it is optional with the Lodge or Encampment whether they accept the payment previously made through any other person than their official agent.

R. B. BOYLSTON,
GEO. W. CASSEDY,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
J. S. HARVEY.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Correspondence have had the correspondence of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary placed in their hands. After a careful examination we beg leave to report that all matters contained in the documents submitted to us have either been definitely acted on or referred to appropriate committees. The correspondence shows a highly gratifying and prosperous condition of the Order throughout the various jurisdictions comprising the constituency of this Grand Body.

B. CONLEY,
J. H. CLEMMER.
WILLIAM H. YOUNG,
J. C. HEMINGRAY,
E. C. ROBINSON.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions respectfully report that they have had under consideration certain amendments to the constitutions of the following Grand Bodies, referred to them, viz:

1. Amendments to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of California, adopted at the annual session, 1859, of that Grand Body, and submitted by Rep. Garwood.

2. Amendment to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, adopted at the annual session, Oct. 1858, of that Grand Body, and submitted by Rep. Marsh.

3. Amendment to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, adopted at the annual session, 1858, of that Grand Body, and submitted by Rep. Shinkle.

4. Amendments to the constitution and general laws of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, adopted at the annual session, May, 1859, of that Grand Body, and submitted by Rep. Clemmer.

5. Amendment to the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Louisiana, adopted at the annual session, February, 1859, of that Grand Body, and submitted by Rep. Bragg.

And finding them to be severally in harmony with the constitution and laws of this Grand Lodge, respectfully submit and recommend the adoption of the annexed resolution.

Resolved, That the above amendments to the Constitutions and General Laws of the Grand Bodies named and referred to in the foregoing report be and the same are hereby approved.

F. A. ELLIS,
O. J. NOBLE,
L. C. ZIMMERMAN,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
MINOT T. LANE.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred a communication from the Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of North Carolina, beg leave to report that it appears that no report has been received from the Grand Encampment for several years, although its regular sessions have been held: that the said Grand Encampment is indebted to the Grand Lodge in the sum of $276, which it is unable to liquidate, and asks to be relieved by paying the sum of $100, when it is believed that the Grand Encampment will be enabled to resume its work.

The Committee are, however, unwilling to establish a precedent of this kind, in relieving Subordinate Bodies of their liabilities to this Grand Lodge, but under the circumstances recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to accept in settlement of the account of the Grand Encampment of North Carolina $100 in cash, and a note or notes for the balance, and submit a resolution to that effect.

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to receive from the Grand Encampment of North Carolina, in settlement of its present indebtedness to this Body, one hundred dollars in cash, and a note or notes

for the remaining one hundred and seventy-six dollars, on such terms as may be approved by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
F. D. STUART,
J. H. ROBINSON,
W. H. H. PRALL,
A. S. BARRY.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Secretary's report as recommends a reduction of the price of the Diploma, report: That at the last session the price of the Diploma, by resolution, was fixed at one dollar; but, inasmuch as it is believed that the sales thereof will be largely increased by a reduction of the price, and the revenue of the Grand Lodge correspondingly enhanced thereby, the committee recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the price of the Diploma be fixed at 75 cents each, and a discount made of 33⅓ per cent. to all parties purchasing 25 copies or more.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
FRED. D. STUART
W. H. H. PRALL,
J. H. ROBINSON,
A. S. BARRY.

Rep. True, of Ohio, presented the following inquiry from that jurisdiction, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Has a Subordinate Encampment jurisdiction to try and punish a member for words spoken in a Subordinate Lodge, when open, and during its regular proceedings? And if yea, can they so try a member after the brother has been charged and tried for the same offence in the Lodge?

The Chair submitted the following communication, which was read:

BALTIMORE, September 21st, 1859.

To the M. W. Grand Sire, Officers, and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

BRETHREN: In consequence of the inclemency of the weather the Committee of Arrangements have postponed the procession and dedication until Monday, the 26th inst. By order of the committee:

JNO. A. THOMPSON, *Chm'n of Com.*

The Chair announced the appointment of Rep. Taylor, of Pennsylvania, on the Committee on the State of the Order, vice Rep. Webb, absent.

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following resolutions, presented by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, through Rep. Nixon, of that jurisdiction, namely:

Resolved, That the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be directed to endeavor to have the law allowing the members of the Order who have been suspended for non-payment of dues in the Atlantic States admission into the Lodges of the Pacific States, so far amended as to prevent persons thus admitted from visiting Lodges in the Atlantic States upon the traveling card and password obtained in the Pacific States.

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States endeavor to obtain a repeal of the law authorizing suspended members to affiliate in California—

Would respectfully report, that the law referred to, being the amendment to the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge at the annual session of 1856, by Rep. Parker, of California, to be found at page 2663 of the printed Journal, and adopted at the annual session of 1857, as appears by the printed Journal, at page 2799, in the opinion of your committee offered all the privileges of full membership to such suspended brethren as should avail themselves of its provisions. In view of this fact, your committee are of opinion that this Grand Body stands committed against the legislation asked for by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and we therefore report that it is inexpedient. But, even if this R. W. Grand Lodge should not concur with your committee, this will not prevent the Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, or of any other Grand Bodies, from presenting their propositions for the direct action of the R. W. Grand Lodge, which can be done only by an amendment of its Constitution.

JOHN W. DWINELLE,
RICHARD A. CALDWELL,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
GEO. W. ADAMS,
THOMAS STEERE.

Rep. Caldwell, of North Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Sire's report as relates to "the granting final cards to such members of defunct Lodges and Encampments as were in good standing at the time their Lodges or Encampments ceased to exist," have considered the same, and beg leave to submit the following report. It is true that there are some jurisdictions that have provided by law for such subjects. Still, as such law is not uniform or universal in its operation, the committee think proper to provide a general law, such a one as will meet all cases that may arise, and thereby prevent any injustice or oppression. The committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That when a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment becomes extinct, any member of such Subordinate shall, upon payment of such dues as may appear against him, be entitled to receive from the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, or the Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe, or the M. W. Grand Sire or the District Deputy Grand Sire, as the case may be, or from such other authority as may be prescribed by the law of the respective jurisdictions, a card of withdrawal, which shall have the same force and effect, and shall entitle him to the same privileges, as a card of withdrawal issued to him by an existing Subordinate in good standing.

R. A. CALDWELL,
JOHN W. DWINELLE,
THOMAS STEERE,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
GEORGE W. ADAMS.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the Committee on Finance, made the the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following estimates of the receipts and expenditures of the current term:

Estimated Expenditures.

Salary of the Grand Secretary	$1,200 00
Salary of the Grand Treasurer	200 00
Salary of the Grand Messenger	700 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's office, including gas, fuel, &c.	300 00
Postage, stationery, &c., Grand Secretary's office	500 00
Paper and printing daily Journal of this session	600 00
Paper and printing Journal, revised and stereotyped	1,500 00
Printing cards	200 00
Printing diploma, paper, &c.	500 00
Engraving card plates	500 00
Mileage and per diem	10,000 00
Contingent fund	500 00
Repairs of furniture owned by Grand Lodge	200 00
Balance of expenditures for celebration of Fortieth Anniversary	220 00
	$17,020 00

Estimated Revenue for the current year.

Representative tax	$7,500 00
Dues from Subordinate Lodges and Encampments	300 00
Arrears of Grand Bodies	300 00
Sale of books	4,000 00
Sale of cards	5,000 00
Sale of diplomas	3,000 00
Sale of odes	300 00
Warrants for new Lodges and Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge	100 00
	$20,500 00

The Grand Lodge, it will be observed by reference to the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, is still in the same condition financially as it has been at each recurring session for several years past, and provision will be necessary to meet the deficiency.

It is believed that the sale of the diploma will, by the next session, produce a revenue equal to the present deficit, and if such a consummation is attained the revenue proper of the Grand Lodge will be sufficient to meet its ordinary expenses. The committee submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to negotiate a temporary loan, to the credit of the Grand Lodge, for such sum as the immediate wants of the treasury may require, and that the Grand Officers be directed to execute the note of this Grand Lodge for that purpose.

Resolved, That the sum of seventeen thousand one hundred and twenty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated for the payment of salaries, printing, per diem and mileage, and other expenses of the current year, agreeably to the estimate herewith submitted, and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue his warrants for the same.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
FRED. D. STUART,
W. H. H. PRALL,
J. H. ROBINSON,
A S. BARRY.

Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance have examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and report the same correct and in proper form, with proper vouchers accompanying each item of expenditure. The accounts show as follows:

Balance in hand per last report		$10,433 06
Cash received for revenue proper during the year	$17,373 70	
Received Grand Lodge of Maine, payment of note and interest	61 39	
Proceeds of negotiations authorized by resotion last year	3,100 00	
		$20 535 09
		30,968 15
Amount paid out for all purposes, as per vouchers		20,636 15
Balance on hand		$10,331 96

The Assets and Resources are as follows:

Cash as above	$10,331 96
Bond of Thomas Wildey, secured by mortgage on real estate	6,235 41
Notes of Grand Lodge of Maine, not matured	152 62
	$16,719 99
Aggregate supplies at selling prices	16,235 65
Total assets	$32,955 64

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
J. H. ROBINSON,
FRED. D. STUART,
A. S. BARRY,
WM. H. H. PRALL.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals beg leave to submit the following report on the appeal of Rep. James Smith against the action of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, on a proposition to amend the constitution of that body, at the annual communication held in February, 1859:

The case may be thus stated: A proposition was before the Grand Lodge of Alabama to amend the constitution of the body—the same having been offered in accordance with the provisions made and provided—and being taken up for consideration a call was made for the vote by Lodges, which was sanctioned by the body—being agreeable to her laws. A question here arose as to the right of the retiring Grand Master Hardy and Grand Representative McAuley, of Central Lodge, No. 18, to vote as representatives from their respective Lodges. The Grand Master decided the brethren entitled to vote, and, on appeal, the decision was sustained. And it is against this decision and consequent action the appeal to this body is made.

The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, for the government of Subordinate Lodges, provides as follows:—Art. 2, sec. 1—"The members of this Grand Lodge shall be Past Grands who have been in conformity to this Constitution duly and regularly elected as representatives of Lodges respectively, or chosen as proxies," &c.; and again—Art. 2, sec. 3—"Each Subordinate shall, at the second meeting in January, annually, elect by ballot, from among the qualified Past Grands who are in membership and good standing in the Lodge so electing, such number of them as such Subordinate Lodge may determine, to represent it in this Grand Lodge, and to serve for one year from the time of their election."

The point raised should have been decided in accordance with the aforesaid provisions; and the case resolves itself into the query, whether

the brethren whose votes were questioned had been elected and certified as representatives from their respective Lodges to the Grand Lodge.

From the evidence before your committee, as contained in the language of the appeal, ("neither of whom had certificates as representatives from their Lodge, though they are both old members of this Grand Lodge, and the returns of their Subordinate Lodge showed that they were Past Grands in good standing in the same,") it appears that neither of the parties before named had been elected and certified as representatives to the Grand Lodge, in accordance with the provisions in such cases made and provided, and therefore the opinion of your committee is that the Grand Lodge of Alabama contravened her laws by her action in the premises. They offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of Rep. James Smith *vs.* Grand Lodge of Alabama be sustained.

WILLIAM THAYER,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
HENRY CLARK,
WILLIAM A. STRONG,
A. A. BARNES.

Rep. Barnes, of Tennessee, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. Minniss, from the action of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, in reversing the action of Howard Lodge, No. 3, in expelling P. G. Julius M. Wollf, respectfully report:

It appears from the record that on the 30th of July, 1857, P. G. Wollf was declared expelled from Howard Lodge—29 members present—18 voted for expulsion, 6 against expulsion, and 5 not voting. Of the six voting in the negative, one was P. G. Wollf, the party on trial.

The general laws of the State, article twenty, and the by-laws of Howard Lodge, article six, require that "when the report of a committee recommending expulsion comes up for action it shall require a majority of two-thirds of the members *present* to expel."

The committee believe from the facts before them that there is just cause for the expulsion of P. G. Wollf, but the action must be had legally, and in this case they are compelled to report that there was not a "majority of two-thirds of the members *present*" voting for expulsion.

The member on trial was not entitled to vote on his own case; but the remaining twenty-eight, including the other member "under charges," (see Proceedings of Grand Lodge of the United States for 1858, pages 2926 and 2953,) were entitled to vote, and although several were excused from voting, yet they were *present*, and in effect voted in the negative, consequently two-thirds present did not vote to expel.

Your committee therefore recommend that the appeal be dismissed, and the action of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina be sustained.

A. A. BARNES,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
HENRY CLARK,
WILLIAM THAYER.

Rep. Clark, of Vermont, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of W. McKeever and B. S. Tappan *vs.* Grand Lodge of Mississippi, submit the following report:

A synopsis of the case is as follows: An amendment to the Constitution was pending the action of the Grand Lodge. A motion was made that the vote be taken by Lodges, and the amendment was adopted, 28 Lodges voting in the affirmative and 8 Lodges in the negative. The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi requires a vote of two-thirds on the adoption of any pending amendment.

The position taken by the appellants is that there are 57 Lodges in good standing and two-thirds of the whole number of Lodges is necessary to the adoption of this amendment, and make the appeal from the premises of the Grand Lodge declaring said vote to be constitutional, asking that the Grand Lodge of the United States may decide whether the number of 28 is such a two-thirds vote as is contemplated in article twelve of the Constitution of Mississippi.

It is the opinion of your committee that where the Constitution does not expressly specify that two-thirds of the Lodges of the entire jurisdiction shall govern, that two-thirds of a vote of the Lodges present, as a quorum, is the proper construction to be put upon the Constitution.

Your committee therefore recommend that the decision of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi be sustained.

HENRY CLARKE,
JOHN A KENNEDY,
A. A. BARNES,
WILLIAM THAYER.

Rep. Crutcher, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the returns of Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, beg leave to report that they have examined the several reports of the following Grand Lodges, viz:

Correct.—California, Iowa, District of Columbia, Delaware, Virginia, Mississippi, Nebraska, Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Southern New York, Indiana, Missouri, Connecticut, North Carolina, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Canada West, Northern New York.

Incorrect.—Kentucky, time and place of meeting omitted; Tennessee, number of brothers and widowed families relieved or cause of expulsion and suspension not given; South Carolina, cause of expulsions not given; Minnesota, cause of expulsion not given; Vermont, seal pasted on and name and cause of expulsions and suspensions omitted; Texas, seal pasted on; Georgia, no cause or names of the suspended and expelled; Michigan, no cause or names of the expelled, nor time or place of meeting given; Maine, no cause or names of the suspended and expelled; Illinois, no cause or names of the suspended and expelled; Ohio, no cause or names of the suspended and expelled; Kansas, seal pasted on; Massachusetts, cause and names of the suspended and expelled not given; Arkansas, no name of Grand Secretary given; Lower Provinces, post office for Grand Officers and time and place of meeting not given.

WILLIAM CRUTCHER,
WILLIAM J. HOKE,
MILTON HERNDON,
D. W. C. LANGDON.

Rep. Crutcher, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Returns, to whom has been referred the returns of the Grand and Subordinate Bodies working under the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge, beg leave to report the result of their examination of the following Grand Encampments:

Correct.—District of Columbia, Missouri, Indiana, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire, Louisiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Maryland, Southern New York, Northern New York.

Incorrect.—Ohio, names and cause of expulsions and suspensions, and time and place of meeting not given; Alabama, post offices to G. Officers not given; Maine, seal pasted on, also cause of suspension and time and place of meeting not given; Texas, seal pasted on, and time and place of meeting not given; Michigan, no date and without time and place of meeting; Kentucky, no time or place for meeting; South Carolina, no time and place of meeting; Illinois, names and causes for suspensions and expulsions omitted; Georgia, cause for suspensions and time and place of meeting not given; Rhode Island, names or causes for suspension or expulsion and time and place of meeting not given; Massachusetts, no names of or causes given for suspensions or expulsions; Connecticut, cause of suspensions not given; Tennessee, names and cause of suspensions and expulsions not given; Virginia, time and place of meeting not given; California, no names or cause of suspensions or expulsions.

WILLIAM CRUTCHER,
WILLIAM J. HOKE,
MILTON HERNDON,
D. W. C. LANGDON.

Rep. Crutcher, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the returns of the Grand and Subordinate Bodies under the jurisdiction of the R. W Grand Lodge of the United States, beg leave to make a report on the following Subordinate Lodges and Encampments:

Delaware—Regnolus Encampment, No. 3, for terms ending 28th December, 1858, and June 28th, 1859; Dover Encampment, No. 5, term ending July, 1859; Kirkwood Encampment, No. 6, terms ending December 31st, 1858, and June 30th, 1859; Delaware Encampment, No. 1, terms ending 31st December, 1858, and June 30th, 1859; Sussex Encampment, No. 4, term ending January, 1859; McDonnell Encampment, No. 2, term ending 31st December, 1858.

Minnesota—Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, terms ending December 31st, 1858, and June 30th, 1859.

Arkansas—Arkansas Encampment, No. 2, term ending December 31st, 1858; Fort Smith Encampment, No. 3, terms ending December 31st, 1858, and June 30th, 1859.

Oregon—Ellison Encampment, No. 1, terms ending December 31st, 1858, and June 30th, 1859.

Vermont—Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3, terms ending 31st December, 1858, and June 30th, 1859; Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, term ending 31st December, 1858.

New Mexico—Paradise Lodge No. 2, terms ending 31st, December, 1858. and June 1859.

Florida—Ancilla Encampment, No. 2, informal up to 1st January, 1859.

Kansas—Far West Encampment, No. 1, term ending 3rd of June, 1859.

Many of the above returns are informal, not using a printed form; some without seals, others with the seals pasted on; but from the examination of the reports, as well as the reports of the D. D. Grand Sires, we find the Order in these Subordinates in satisfactory condition, and prospect brightening for usefulness and strength.

WILLIAM CRUTCHER,
WM. J. HOKE,
MILTON HERNDON,
D. W. C. LANGDON.

Rep. Adams, of Georgia, from the Legislative Committee, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. Marsh, of Illinois, namely:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be requested to inquire as to the expediency of a law prohibiting benefits to members of Subordinate Lodges, after the removal of their permanent residence for the space of one year, or of

compelling members of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, who permanently remove from the vicinity of the body to which they belong, to withdraw from said body, and to report thereon a resolution for the consideration of this R. W. Grand Lodge—

Would respectfully report that they have had the subject matter referred to them under consideration. The supposed necessity for the legislation asked for may perhaps be best illustrated and enforced by a statement of the specific facts which have given rise to the resolution. Three members of Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of a State Grand Lodge have permanently removed from that jurisdiction, and now reside hundreds of miles from the Subordinates to which they belong: one of them, a native of England, having returned to that country, where he now permanently resides with his family. All of these three persons, who have so withdrawn from the vicinity of their respective Subordinates, and are thus no longer subject to the immediate observation of their fellow-members, still keep themselves in good standing by the prompt payment of their dues, and with a frequency which amounts almost to regularity report themselves as having been sick, and thus draw benefits from the Lodge funds, amounting annually, on the average, to from eight to ten times the sum of the annual dues paid in the respective cases. This presents a condition where fraud upon the benevolence of the Order could not only be attempted with a probability of success, but would also be reasonably suspected, while the ordinary and direct means of investigation and detection would be utterly wanting. It is proper, therefore, that an adequate remedy should be placed in the hands of the Subordinates, and if possible, the most effectual of all, a *preventive* remedy.

But this R. W. Grand Lodge, at the session of 1855, (see Journal of Proceedings, pages 2493, 2499, 2521,) definitively decided that a membership in this Order, founded upon a basis of merely social privilege, could not be permitted, but that benefits to some amount must be allowed in case of sickness to all members in good standing. Your committee therefore consider themselves as precluded from proposing the adoption of the first of the two alternative propositions presented by the Representative from Illinois, namely, to withdraw benefits from members who are permanent absentees from the vicinity of their Subordinate Lodges, in which, nevertheless, they maintain a good standing.

But your committee are of opinion that the fundamental regulation that one proposing to join our Order shall apply for membership to the Lodge nearest his place of residence was designed not so much for the purpose of affording a ready and thorough investigation of his antecedents, as to secure his complete subjection to the observation and discipline of his Lodge—which has a right to exercise a supervision over his conduct outside of the Lodge room as well as within it—and to present the greatest facility for the investigation of claims for benefits and the detection of frauds; and all these advantages your committee are of opinion belong of right to every Subordinate, unless deprived of their exercise by accident, and among such accidents is to

be classed the temporary absence of a member from the vicinity of his Subordinate. But where a member definitively changes his domicil, and by a permanent absenteeism deprives his Subordinate of those rights of inspection, observation, and scrutiny which are correlative to his right to benefits, we have no hesitation in saying that the respective Subordinates ought to have a recognised right to compel him to take a card of withdrawal, so that he may at his option become a member of a Subordinate nearer his residence, which can exercise a personal jurisdiction over him, or retire wholly from the Order. Entertaining these views, we submit the following resolution for the consideration of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That whenever a member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment shall have permanently removed from the vicinity of his Subordinate for the space of one year, such Subordinate may, at its option, issue to him and compel him to receive a card of withdrawal, by a vote of a majority of members present at a regular meeting, provided no charges of misconduct are at the time pending against him, which card shall dissolve his connection with such Subordinate.

GEO. W. ADAMS,
R. A. CALDWELL,
THOMAS STEERE,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
JOHN W. DWINELLE.

Rep. Caldwell, of North Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That from and after the first day of April, 1860, the terms of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall commence on the first day of April and October, and end on the last day of March and September, and the present term shall be extended to and end with the last day of March, 1860.

Have considered the same and beg leave to report, that in view of the difficulties attending the present system, and the inconveniences resulting from the present terms of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, would respectfully recommend the adoption of said resolution. The committee would further recommend that the A. T. P. W. shall go into effect on the first day of April in each and every year, so as to conform to the foregoing resolution.

R. A. CALDWELL,
GEO. W. ADAMS,
THOMAS STEERE,
JOHN. W. DWINELLE.

Rep. Steere, of Rhode Island, from the same committee, submitted the following report which was laid on the table:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to the law in regard to grant-

ing charters for Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report:

That the law, as it at present stands upon the records of this Grand Lodge, in the fourth article of the By-Laws and a resolution moved by Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, which was adopted, and is to be found on page 2996 of the Revised Journal, is unsatisfactory, inasmuch as there is an apparent conflict in the language, as there certainly is in the spirit of the two provisions. That, in order to render the law plain, and adapt it to the necessities of the present state of the Order, your committee recommend that said resolution on page 2996 be repealed, and the adoption of the following amendment, namely:

Resolved, That the words "three or more Subordinate Lodges or Encampments," be stricken out of the fourth article of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, and in their place insert the words, "ten or more Subordinate Lodges, or five or more Subordinate Encampments."

THOMAS STEERE,
R. A. CALDWELL,
JOHN W. DWINELLE,
GEO. W. ADAMS,
E. D. FARNSWORTH.

On motion of Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, the vote had fixing the consideration of amendments to the Constitution for a special hour to-morrow was reconsidered.

The question being on the adoption of the motion to fix the consideration of amendments to the Constitution as a special order, Rep. Mills, of Kentucky, asked and obtained leave to withdraw the motion.

On motion of Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of pending amendments to the Constitution.

The first proposed amendment, being to amend article one, section three of the Constitution, was considered, as follows:

Amend article one, section three of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, by inserting after the word Encampments, in tenth line, the words "excepting also the State of Pennsylvania, which shall be entitled to two Grand Lodges, whenever it shall so resolve."—*Page* 2903 *Journal.*

Rep. Earl, of Ohio moved to lay the amendment on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, moved to indefinitely postpone the amendment, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next amendment, being to article twelve of the Constitution, as follows, was considered:

Amend article twelfth by striking out "third Monday" and inserting "first Monday."—*Page* 2903 *Journal.*

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved to adopt the amendment.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, moved to indefinitely postpone the amendment, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, to adopt the amendment, the yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Andrews, Bailey of Mississippi, Bailey of Missouri, Barnes Barnum, Boylston, Bragg, Cassedy, Clements, Clemmer, Conley, Crutcher, Daman, Earl, Ellis, Escavaille, Fitzhugh, Hardy, Harper, Hunt, (2 votes,) Kendall, McKinstry, McLean, Marley, Mitchell, Nixon, Partridge, Patten, (2 votes,) Phillips, Prall, Richardson, E. C. Robinson, Israel Robinson, J. H. Robinson, Rodney, Schiefer, Shinkle, Steere, Stetson, Strong, Stuart, Taylor, Thayer, True, Veitch, Walker, Whitaker, White of Northern New York, Winchell, Woodruff, Young and Zimmerman—55.

NAYS.—Reps. Barron, Brown, (2 votes,) Burnham, Caldwell, Choate, Clark, Cook, Didama, Dwinelle, Farnsworth, Garwood, Green, Harvey, Hemingray, Herndon, Hills, Jackson, Kennedy, Kidder, Lane, Langdon, (2 votes,) McKinley, Marble, Mason, Miller, Nicholson, (2 votes,) Noble, Nutter, Rand, Scott, Smith, of Michigan, Stewart, Storer, White of California, and Woodward—38.

And the amendment proposed not having received a vote of three-fourths, was rejected.

The next amendment, being to article ten of the Constitution, as follows, was considered:

Amend article ten by adding thereto, "Past Deputy Grand Sires shall be entitled to seats in this Grand Lodge, without the privilege of debating, making motions, or voting."—*Page* 2296 *Journal.*

Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, moved indefinitely to postpone the amendment, which was resolved in the negative.

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment, the yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Andrews, Barnum, Barron, Boylston, Burnham, Caldwell, Cassedy, Clark, Clements, Conley, Cook, Crutcher, Dwinelle, (2 votes,) Ellis, Escavaille, Garwood, Hills, Hoke, Hunt, (2 votes,) Kendall, Lane, McKinley, McKinstry, McLean, Marble, Mason, Mitchell, Nicholson, (2 votes,) Nutter, Phillips, Richardson, E. C. Robinson, Israel Robinson, Rodney, Schiefer, Scott, Smith of Rhode Island, Smith of Michigan, Steere, Storer, Stuart, Thayer, Whitaker, White of California, White of Northern New York, Woodruff, Young, Zimmerman—51.

NAYS.—Reps. Adams, Bailey of Missouri, Barnes, Bragg, Brown, (2 votes,) Clemmer, Earl, Farnsworth, Hardy, Harper, Harvey, Hemingray, Herndon, Kennedy, Kidder, Langdon, (2 votes,) Marley, Mills, Nixon, Noble, Patten, Rand, J. H. Robinson, Shinkle, Stetson, Stewart, Strong, True, Veitch, Walker, Winchell, Youlen—34.

And the proposed amendment having received less than three-fourths of the votes, was rejected.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, was excused from voting.

The next amendment, being to article fourteen of the Constitution, as follows, was considered:

Amend article fourteen by adding the following section:

"SECTION 5. Whenever at the close of any fiscal year the amount derived from the source of revenue mentioned in the preceding sections of this article shall be insufficient to pay the liabilities of the fiscal year, it shall be lawful for this Grand Lodge to levy a capitation tax on the whole membership of the Order, or a specific tax on each Grand Body, at its pleasure, sufficient in amount to pay such deficiency."—*Page* 2957 *Journal.*

On motion of Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, the amendment was indefinitely postponed.

The next amendment, being to article fourteen of the Constitution, as follows, was considered:

Amend article fourteen of the Constitution, as amended on page 2761 Journal, by striking out "seventy-five" and inserting "fifty."—*Page* 2958 *Journal.*

Rep. Burnham, of Maine, moved to lay the amendment on the table. which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next amendment, being to article one, section five, of the Constitution, was considered:

Amend article one, section five, of the Constitution, by striking out the word "unanimous" and the words "four-fifths," in said article, and inserting in both cases the words "three-fifths."—*Page* 2965 *Journal.*

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, to refer the amendment to the next session, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next amendment, being as follows, was considered:

Amend the Constitution by striking out and inserting as follows:
ARTICLE 1, section 3.—Strike out "and Grand Encampment" wherever it occurs. In the tenth line strike out "bodies" and insert *Lodges.*
Section 4.—Strike out "or Grand Encampments" wherever it occurs.
Section 9.—Strike out "bodies" in the last line and insert *Lodges.*
ARTICLE 2.—In the fifth line strike out "and Grand Encampments."
ARTICLE 4.—Strike out "Grand Encampment and Grand Patriarch" wherever they occur. Also, strike out "bodies" and insert *Lodges.*
ARTICLE 6.—In the ninth line after the word "Grand" insert *Lodges.*
ARTICLE 9.—Strike out "Grand Encampment" wherever it occurs. Strike out "body" and insert *Lodges.*
ARTICLE 12.—Strike out "and Grand Encampments" in the seventh line.
ARTICLE 13, section 1.—Strike out "bodies" in the second line and insert *Lodges.*
ARTICLE 14, section 1.—Strike out "or Encampments" in the first line.
Section 2, line 1.—Strike out "and Encampments."
ARTICLE 15, section 1, second line.—Strike out "and Grand Encampment degrees" and insert *degree.*
ARTICLE 16, section 3.—Strike out "or Grand Encampment" after the word "Lodge" in the fourth line. Same section, fifth line, after the word "Master" strike out the words "or Grand Patriarch."—*Page* 2974 *Journal.*

Rep. True, of Ohio, moved to lay the amendment on the table, which was not agreed to.

Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia, moved to refer the amendments to the next session of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, moved the previous question, which being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put as follows: Will the Lodge adopt the proposed amendment to the Constitution? The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Reps. Adams, Andrews, Barnum, Caldwell, Conley, Daman, Hoke, Hunt, (2 votes,) Mason, Mills, Patten, Richardson, Rodney, Shinkle, Stuart, Thayer, Veitch, Woodruff—19.

NAYS—Reps. Bailey of Mississippi, Barnes, Barron, Boylston, Bragg, Brown, (2 votes,) Burnham, Cassedy, Choate, Clark, Clemmer, Cook, Crutcher, Didama, Dwinelle, Earl, Ellis, Escavaille, Farnsworth, Fitzhugh, Garwood, Green, Hardy, Harper, Harvey, Hemingray, Herndon, Hills, Jackson, Kendall, Kennedy, Kidder, Lane, Langdon, (2 votes,) McKinley, McKinstry, McLean, Marble, Marley, Miller, Mitchell, Nicholson, (2 votes,) Nixon, Noble, Nutter, Partridge, Phillips, Prall, Rand, Robinson, E. C., Robinson, Israel, Robinson. J. H., Schiefer, Scott, Smith of Rhode Island, Smith of Michigan, Steere, Stetson, Stew-

art, Storer, Strong, Taylor, True, Walker, Whitaker, White of Northern New York, White of California, Winchell, Youlen, Young, Zimmerman—75.

The amendment not having received three-fourths of the votes it was rejected.

The next proposed amendment to the constitution, page 2991 Journal, touching representation in the Grand Lodge of the United States, offered by Rep. Kennedy of Southern New York, was considered.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, moved that the Grand Lodge resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole on the three proposed amendments to the constitution referring to the same subject matter, as follows:

"Amend the second section of the ninth article of the constitution to read as follows:

"SECTION 2. Every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing shall be entitled to one vote in the Grand Lodge; every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing shall be entitled to two votes; and no State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than one Grand Representative at the same time."—*Page* 2991 *Journal.*

"Amend the second section of the ninth article of the Constitution so that it shall read as follows:

"SECTION 2. Every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing shall be entitled to one vote in the Grand Lodge; every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing shall be entitled to two votes; and no State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than one Grand Representative at the same time; Provided, however, that any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be entitled to as many Grand Representatives as it may have votes, on assuming the payment of the mileage and per diem of the additional Grand Representative."—*Page* 2991 *Journal.*

"Amend article twelve of Constitution to read:

"1. This Grand Lodge shall meet biennially on the third Monday of September, at 9 o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, Territorial, and Colonial Grand Bodies, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting, unless notice therof has been given as above provided.

"2. During the time intervening between the biennial session there shall be a Committee of the Grand Sire, the Deputy Grand Sire, the Grand Secretary, and the Committee on Appeals appointed at the last preceding session, to whom appeals and applications for charters may be made, or any other business referred not affecting the finances of the Grand Lodge nor being of a legislative nature. Said committee shall hold semi-annual sessions, their action being always subject to confirmation or reversal by the Grand Lodge at its next session.

"3. Article nine and other articles of the Constitution are hereby ordered to be conformed in phraseology so as not to conflict with this."—*Page* 2995 *Journal.*

Pending the consideration of which motion, the hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Lodge receded from business for half an hour.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order of recess, and resumed the consideration of the motion of Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, pending at the time of recess, to wit, that the Lodge resolve itself into a committee of the whole on the proposed amendments to the Constitution relating to the same subject matter, to wit, representation in the Grand Lodge of the United States; which was resolved in the affirmative, and the Lodge accordingly resolved itself into a committee of the whole on that subject, Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, in the chair.

After some time passed in committee of the whole, the committee rose, and the M. W. G. Sire having resumed the chair, Rep. Boylston, chairman of the committee of the whole, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred the consideration of the proposed amendments to the Constitution offered by Rep. Kennedy and Rep. Thayer, to be found on pages 2991 and 2995 of the Journal of last session, have, according to order, had under consideration the matter referred to them, and recommend to the Grand Lodge that it is inexpedient to adopt any of the proposed amendments to the Constitution. R. B. BOYLSTON, *Chairman.*

On motion of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, the report of the committee of the whole was adopted.

The next amendment, being to article sixteen of the Constitution, as follows, was considered:

Amend article sixteen, section two, of the Constitution, by inserting after the word "males," in the second line of the section, the words "and natives of the Sandwich Islands."—*Page* 2994 *Journal.*

Rep. Adams, of Georgia, moved indefinitely to postpone the amendment, pending the consideration of which, on motion of Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

SAMUEL CRAIGHEAD.....M. W. Grand Sire.
EDWD. H. FITZHUGH.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. A. PAUL REPITON....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
ISAAC M. TUCKER.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
S. H. LEWYT.....W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN...W. Grand Messenger.

And a representation from every jurisdiction.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. A. Paul Repiton, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. Herndon, of Indiana, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Israel Robinson, of Virginia, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials have had before them the certificate of P G. E. G. Fuller, Representative elect from the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces of British North America, which certificate being in due form, they recommend that he be admitted a member of this Grand Lodge.

ISRAEL ROBINSON,
EDWARD MITCHELL,
WILLIAM GARRETT.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolutions of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, in reference to the establishment of a monthly periodical by the Grand Lodge of the United States, and which appears on pages 3066 and 3067 of the Journal, ask leave to report that they have considered the same. Your committee feel constrained to report adverse to the establishment or publication of any periodical by the Grand Lodge. It will be remembered that the experiment has been tried, and long since abandoned. Since that time various journals have been established and are now in course of publication. Your committee are of the opinion that as individuals are now occupying the ground long since abandoned by this Grand Lodge, we should not trespass upon the privileges or interests of those thus engaged. Past experience admonishes us against the propriety of again establishing periodicals under the immediate patronage of the Grand Lodge. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge deem the establishment or publication of a monthly periodical, devoted to the interests of the Order, under the auspices or direction of the Grand Lodge, inexpedient and impracticable.

E. D. FARNSWORTH,
JOHN W. DWINELLE,
RICHARD A. CALDWELL,
THOMAS STEERE,
GEO. W. ADAMS.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred certain amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and find that the amendment to article three, section three, in the form in which it is submitted, is at variance with the laws of this Grand

Lodge, and subversive of the personal rights of her Past Grands. The committee recommend the following corrections:

After the word "*vote*," in the third line, insert the words "*in the Grand Lodge.*" In the sixth line, strike out the words "*or Past Grands.*"

With these corrections the committee recommend the approval of said amendments.

F. A. ELLIS,
M. T. LANE,
O. G. NOBLE,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
L. C. ZIMMERMAN.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and the Constitution or General Laws for the government of Subordinate Lodges in that jurisdiction, respectfully report that they have carefully considered the same, and find the sixth section of article second of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge to be at variance with the law of the Order and the rights of past officers, and they recommend that said section be stricken out. With this alteration, the committee recommend that the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be approved.

The committee would recommend the following corrections, or amendments to the Constitution or General Laws, for the government of Subordinate Lodges:

Add to section sixth of article second the words, "*while there are other qualified members of the Lodge willing to serve.*" In section ten of article sixth strike out the words, "*refuse*" *and* "*initiate,*" and insert after the word may, in third line, the words "*declare the election void.*"

F. A. ELLIS,
M. T. LANE,
O. J. NOBLE.
L. C. ZIMMERMAN,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM.

Rep. Noble, of Minnesota, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred certain amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and find that the only effect of the proposed amendments is to require *annual* reports of the Subordinate Lodges of that jurisdiction instead of *semi-annual reports.*

The terms of Subordinate Lodges are fixed by the laws of this Grand Lodge at six months, or twenty-six Lodge nights, and it is the duty of the Grand Master to see that the officers elect of each Subordinate Lodge are regularly installed.

By a resolution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, passed at September session, 1856, it is declared that the officers of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments shall not be installed nor furnished with the semi-annual password unless the reports, returns, and money due from such Lodges and Encampments to their respective jurisdictions be actually made and placed in the hands of the proper officer, or be actually in transit to their proper destination. Believing the said amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio to be at variance with the above recited requirements of this Grand Lodge, the committee are constrained to recommend their rejection.

O. J. NOBLE,
F. A. ELLIS,
M. T. LANE,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
L. C. ZIMMERMAN.

Rep. Mason, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of Bros. James B. Davis, Philip Koepler, N. W. Cox, C. A. Logan, Thomas Plowman, William Pemberton and Charles Mundee, praying for a charter for an Encampment, to be located at the City of Leavenworth, in the Territory of Kansas, and to be known and hailed as Far West Encampment, No. 1, approve the action of the M. W. Grand Sire in granting a warrant for the same, and recommend that his action be confirmed and that a charter be duly issued.

W. B. MASON,
L. B. HILLS,
CHARLES NUTTER,
JOS. RICHARDSON, JR.,
GEORGE M. GARWOOD.

Rep. Mason, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition and accompanying papers of David V. Whiting, James Graham, J. Houghton, and six others, praying for a charter for a Lodge to be located at Santa Fe, in the Territory of New Mexico, to be known and hailed as Paradise Lodge, No. 1, have examined the papers presented, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That a charter be granted to the aforesaid brothers in compliance with the request contained in said petition upon the payment of the charter fee.

W. B. MASON,
L. B. HILLS,
CHARLES NUTTER,
JOS. RICHARDSON, Jr.,
GEORGE M. GARWOOD.

Rep. Mason, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition and accompanying papers of Melchoir Werner, James Graham, J. Houghton, and five others, praying for a charter for an Encampment, to be located at Santa Fe, in the Territory of New Mexico, have examined the papers presented, and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a charter be granted to the aforesaid brothers, in compliance with the request contained in said petition, upon the payment of the charter fee.

Resolved, That, as no name was given for said Encampment in said petition, the same shall be known and hailed as Santa Fe Encampment, No. 1, I. O. O. F.

W. B. MASON,
S. B. HILLS,
CHARLES NUTTER,
JOS. RICHARDSON, Jr.,
GEO. M. GARWOOD.

Rep. Rand, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing respectfully report that they have had the subject of printing the Journal of the present session of this R. W. Grand Body before them, and find that the proposal of P. G. Rep. James Young, of Baltimore, is the only one received at the office of the Grand Secretary. The committee having examined said proposal, and finding it satisfactory, have concluded a contract with Bro. Young for the printing; and recommend that the bill for the same, together with the bill for printing the daily Journal, be approved by the Grand Secretary after he shall have received satisfactory evidence from some competent person selected by him that it is correct. The committee would also recommend that hereafter proposals be issued and a contract made for printing the daily Journal in the same manner as is provided for printing the revised Journal.

The committee have also had under consideration the matter referred to them relative to compiling and printing the accounts of the several celebrations held on the 26th of April last, and they would report that, in view of the embarrassed condition of the finances of this Grand Lodge, and the very voluminous accounts of the celebrations which

have been forwarded to the office of the Grand Secretary, and in view of the fact, also, that a report of the National Celebration, held under the auspices of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, will appear in the Journal of this session, it is inexpedient for this Grand Body to take any action in the premises.

The subject of republishing the back volumes of the Journal, also referred to this committee, has been duly considered, and that attention given to it which its importance demands. The committee are aware of the large outlay consequent upon this republication, but the necessity of the case seems to admit of no alternative. They would therefore recommend that the volumes be printed under the direction of the Corresponding and Recording Grand Secretary, agreeably to the suggestions made in his report. In this connection your committee would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Representatives of this R. W. Grand Body shall receive the bound volumes to which they may be entitled at the hands of the Grand Secretary, and a record of the same be made by him.

CALEB RAND,
JOSEPH KIDDER,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
E. G. STORER,
THOS. M. BANBURY.

Rep. Nixon, of Louisiana, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Sire's report as refers to the death of Past Grand Rep. Whitall, beg leave to report the following:

WHEREAS it has pleased our Holy Father, in his immutable wisdom, to remove from his earthly labors our well beloved brother, the Reverend Charles W. Whitall, a Past Representative in this Body, from the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and whereas it is deemed fitting that this Grand Lodge should record on its journal the departure to the better land of those who have participated in its labors, therefore,

Resolved, That while we bow in all humility to the will of Him who has thus afflicted us, knowing that all things work for good to those who put their trust in Him, we lament the loss of a brother whose life was devoted to the exemplification of the principles of Odd Fellowship.

Resolved, That, in testimony of our respect and sympathy, a copy of these proceedings be transmitted to the family of the deceased and to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Louisiana.

J. O. NIXON,
H. G. STETSON,
THOS. F. BRAGG,
H. B. ANDREWS,
HORATIO L. BAILEY.

On motion of Rep. Nixon, of Louisiana, the rule was suspended, and the report and resolutions were considered and unanimously adopted.

Rep. Steere, of Rhode Island, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. Mason, of Kentucky, to be found on page 3060 of the Journal, having considered the same, beg leave to report, that whatever may have been the irregularity of the granting of the dispensation for the institution of Moreh Encampment in Kentucky, yet, as the Grand Encampment desires to legalize, by permission of the Grand Lodge, specially granted, such dispensation, your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Encampment of Kentucky is hereby authorized and empowered to grant a charter to said Moreh Encampment, No. 3, said charter to have the same force and effect as though said Encampment had been legally instituted.

THOMAS STEERE,
JOHN W. DWINELLE,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
GEO. W. ADAMS,
R. A. CALDWELL.

Rep. Boylston of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, in the matter of benefits extended by Miami Lodge, No. 51, of Indiana, to a visiting member of Ogden Lodge, No. 197, of Northern New York, (pages 3062 and 3063 Journal,) ask leave to report:

That Miami Lodge appears to have faithfully discharged its duty in accordance with the law (2151) and principles of the Order, and the inquiry seems to be what redress has the Lodge for repayment of funds advanced, under the circumstance detailed, which the committee cannot well state more succinctly or clearly than has been done in the paper referred to them.

If assets of the defunct Lodge, to the amount of the benefits extended, had come into the possession of the Grand Lodge upon forfeiture of its charter by their Subordinate, it is very clear that all such assets are morally and legally subject to the refunding of such benefits. But such is not the case. And while the committee regret that there is no law existing providing for such repayment, under the circumstances stated, and they do not conceive it advisable to recommend new legislation, they regard that the result should not be considered by Miami Lodge as a wrong or misfortune, but rather as a circumstance which can very rarely occur, and, although their treasury cannot be repleted, they may feel that they have faithfully discharged their obligations to the Order and humanity, and that their generous

and liberal conduct is surely "bread cast upon the waters," which will return before many days. But it is certainly unnecessary to elaborate this view.

It is to be regretted that the expenditure cannot be refunded, but your committee do not perceive how the Grand Lodge of Northern New York could have attained a different conclusion.

R. B. BOYLSTON,
GEO. W. CASSEDY,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
J. S. HARVEY,
WM. P. TAYLOR.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred proceedings of several of the jurisdictions, as to the proposed changes of the Constitution in reference to representation, &c., under resolution, (page 3054 Journal,) ask leave to report: That the action of this Grand Lodge on the third day of the present session, declaring it to be inexpedient to adopt any of the proposed amendments to the Constitution on this subject, renders it unnecessary, in the judgment of the committee, to pursue this inquiry further. They therefore respectfully ask leave to be discharged from the further consideration of the several proceedings on this subject matter.

R. B. BOYLSTON,
GEO. W. CASSEDY,
ALEX. McKINSTRY.
J. S. HARVEY,
WM. P. TAYLOR.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following resolution of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey:

Resolved, That when a brother without the term password shall apply for admission to his own Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Noble Grand, after he has ascertained from the proper financial officer that such brother is not disqualified from receiving such password, to *direct* the admittance of the said brother —

Would respectfully report that in our opinion the resolution is simply declaratory of the existing law; but, inasmuch as we are informed that doubts are entertained as to whether, in the case contemplated in said resolution, the law as defined in the Digest (page 587) leaves it optional with the Noble Grand to admit a brother so circumstanced, or is imperative upon that officer to direct the brother's admittance, we recommend the adoption of the above resolution, in order that all mis-

conception may be removed as to the true interpretation of the law in question.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
J. S. HARVEY,
WM. P. TAYLOR,
ALEX. McKINSTRY.

Rep. Taylor, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, to be found on page 3064 of Journal, relative to the expediency of this Grand Lodge employing a Lecturer to visit the various Grand Bodies under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, report that after an investigation of the matter they deem it inexpedient to legislate on the subject, as it is the special business of the Representatives to this R. W. Grand Lodge to instruct their various Grand Bodies in the work of the Order.

WM. P. TAYLOR,
J. S. HARVEY,
ALEX. McKINSTRY.
R. B. BOYLSTON,
GEO. W. CASSEDY.

Rep. Harvey, of Indiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the report and resolution of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Maryland, found on page 3061 of the Journal, report:

That, in the opinion of your committee, the R. W. Grand Encampment of Maryland have misapprehended the decision by them referred to.

It is declared that this Grand Lodge is the supreme head of the Order, and that the Constitution and Law of a State Grand Body which comes in conflict with the Constitution, Laws, or decisions of this Grand Lodge are void.

The said twelfth decision, in our judgment, can only be construed to mean that where a Subordinate Lodge disregards the law of its own Grand Lodge, or a provision of its own Constitution, and yet acts in accordance with the laws of this Grand Lodge, it is not subject to punishment by the State Grand Body. But a Subordinate would violate a law of its Grand Body at its peril, and of course the State Grand Body would be the proper tribunal to judge of such violation; but if such Subordinate had acted in accordance with the laws of this Grand

Lodge, this Grand Body would, on an appeal being properly taken, protect such Subordinate.

J. S. HARVEY,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
WM. P. TAYLOR,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
GEO. W. CASSEDY.

Rep. McKinstry, of Alabama, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the inquiry from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, to be found on page 3062 of the Journal, beg leave to report: That they infer from the form of the query that the State Grand Body consented to the appeal. Where such is the case, it is the opinion of your committee that an appellant should bring his appeal and record to the session of this Grand Lodge *next* after the granting of it, and where the appellant has failed to do this, it is for the State Grand Body to determine, in the first instance, whether they will renew the permission to take the appeal, if satisfied that the delay was without fault or negligence. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALEX. McKINSTRY,
J. S. HARVEY,
WM. P. TAYLOR,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
GEO. W. CASSEDY.

Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, requesting that the form of public installation be published in the German language, report that, owing to the embarrassed condition of the treasury, it is inexpedient to comply with the request.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
J. H. ROBINSON,
AMASA S. BARRY,
FRED. D. STUART,
W H. H. PRALL.

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, (pages 3054 and

3083,) on the subject of expressing the rank or degree of members on cards granted to them, would respectfully report:

That they are of opinion that the rank of every member to whom a card is granted should be expressed in the card, so that the honors to which he is entitled, and the degrees in which he may be proved, shall appear upon the face of the very paper which he presents as evidence of his rights as an Odd-Fellow. But, your committee find that the form of cards now in use does not provide for, nor admit of such an expression of rank. But, as a new issue of visiting cards has already been ordered by the R. W. Grand Lodge, to be printed from a new engraving, we herewith submit a resolution which we believe provides for the present as well as the future condition of things, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That, on and after the first day of January next, the rank or degree of all members to whom withdrawal or visiting cards may be granted by Subordinate Lodges or Encampments, shall be expressed on the face of the card, where the form of the card permits it, or if it does not permit it, shall be endorsed on the card, certified under the seal of the respective Lodge or Encampment, by the officers issuing the same. All new engravings of visiting and withdrawal cards shall be in such form as to permit of a full expression of the rank or degree of a visiting brother upon the face of the card.

JOHN W. DWINELLE,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
THOMAS STEERE.

The Lodge now resumed the consideration of the subject pending at the time of adjournment yesterday, as follows:

Amend article sixteen, section two of the Constitution, by inserting after the word "males," in the second line of the section, the words "and natives of the Sandwich Islands."—*Page* 2994 *Journal.*

The question being on the adoption of the amendment—

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the previous question, which being ordered by the Lodge, the main question was put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the proposed amendment to the Constitution?" The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Reps. Anderson, Banbury, Barron, Barry, Buruham, Clements, Garrett, Hills, Jackson, Kennedy, Lent, McLean, Nicholson, Noble, Richardson, Scott, Stuart, Zimmerman—16.

NAYS—Reps. Bailey of Missouri, Bailey of Mississippi, Barnes, Barnum, Boylston, Bragg, Brown, Caldwell, Cassedy, Clark, Clemmer, Conley, Crutcher, Daman, Didama, Dwinelle, Earl, Ellis, Escavaille, Farnsworth, Fuller, Garwood, Green, Hardy, Harper, Harvey, Hemingray, Herndon, Hoke, Hunt, (2 votes,) Kendall, Kidder, Lane, Langdon, McKinley, McKinstry, Marble, Marley, Marsh, Mason, Miller, Mills, Mitchell, Nixon, Nutter, Partridge, Patten, (2 votes,) Phillips, Prall, Rand, Robinson, E. C., Robininson Israel, Robinson, J. H., (2 votes,) Rodney, Shinkle, Smith of Rhode Island, Smith of Michigan, Steere, Stewart, Storer, Strong, Thayer, True, Veitch, (2 votes,) Walker, Whitaker, White of Northern New York, White of California, Winchell, Woodruff, Woodward, Youlen, Young—77.

And the proposed amendment, having received less than a three-fourth vote, was rejected.

The next proposed amendment was considered, as follows:

"That the words '*four-fifths*' be substituted for the word '*unanimous*,' in the sixth and seventh lines of section five of article one of the constitution."—*Page* 2995 *Journal.*

On motion of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, the amendment was indefinitely postponed.

The next proposed amendment was considered, as follows:

"Amend article nine, section three of the constitution, by striking out the words following, commencing in the fourth line, 'And he must reside in the State, District, or Territory in which the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which he represents is located:' and instead thereof insert the following: 'And he must have been at the time of his election a member of some Subordinate Lodge or Encampment at least one year in the jurisdiction which he represents."—*Page* 3000 *Journal.*

On motion of Rep. Nixon, of Louisiana, the amendment was indefinitely postponed.

The following proposed amendment to the By-Laws was considered:

Strike out the entire article and insert the following: "The fiscal year of this Grand Lodge shall commence on the first day of January and terminate on the thirty-first day of December."—*Page* 2969 *Journal.*

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, the amendment was indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, the Lodge proceeded to consider the reports of standing committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The first report, (page 3059,) being from the Committee on the Anniversary Celebrations, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3060,) from the Committee on Unfinished Business, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3068,) from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. Garwood, of California, touching the power of a State Grand Lodge to declare the seat of a Grand Representative vacant who fails to return to his jurisdiction during the year, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3069,) from the same committee, upon the resolution of Rep. Garwood, of California, relative to abolishing payment of per diem and mileage, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (pages 3083 and 3084,) from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the decisions of the M. W. G. Sire during the recess, was considered.

Rep. Mills, of Kentucky, moved that the report be recommitted to the committee with instructions to strike out all that part of the report which dissents from the seventh decision of the Grand Sire.

Rep. Clemmer, of Ohio, moved to amend the motion of Rep. Mills, of Kentucky, as follows:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on the State of the Order be recommitted with instructions to strike out that part of the report referring to the seventh decision of the Grand Sire, and report in lieu thereof that membership in the Subordinate Encampment does not commence until the candidate has received the Royal Purple degree.

Rep. Herndon, of Indiana, moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the Committee on the State of the Order under consideration?"

Rep. True, of Ohio, asked a division of the question, and the question being on so much of the report as refers to the first, second, third, fourth, sixth, and eighth decisions of the M. W. G. Sire, it was adopted. The question then being on so much of the report as relates to the fifth decision of the M. W. Grand Sire, it was adopted. The question recurring on so much of the report of the committee as relates to the seventh and ninth decisions, it was adopted.

The next report, (page 3084,) from the Committee on Correspondence, on the correspondence of the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Constitutions, (pages 3084 and 3085,) approving the amended Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of California, of Illinois, and of Kentucky, and also of the Grand Encampments of Ohio and of Louisiana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Finance, (pages 3085 and 3086,) relating to the financial relations of the Grand Encampment of North Carolina with the Grand Lodge of the United States, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, (page 3086,) regulating the price of the new diploma, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3087,) from the Legislative Committee on the resolution of Rep. Nixon, of Louisiana, upon the subject of the amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States securing the right to the Grand Bodies on the Pacific coast to admit suspended members from Lodges or Encampments on the Atlantic coast, upon such terms as they may prescribe, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Legislative Committee, (pages 3087 and 3088,) touching the granting of cards to members of defunct Lodges and Encampments under this immediate jurisdiction, was considered.

Rep. Earl, of Ohio, moved to amend the resolution accompanying the report of the committee as follows:

Provided, That the officers to whom the application is made shall require satisfactory evidence that the applicant is at the time worthy of the recommendation to the "friendship and protection" of the brotherhood.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, moved to amend further, by striking out the words "or District Deputy Grand Sire," and insert "Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary."

The question being on the amendment of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Earl, of Ohio—

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, moved further to amend, as follows, which was adopted:

And provided further, that the charter, books, &c. of said defunct Lodge or Encampment shall have been surrendered to the proper officer.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Earl, of Ohio, it was adopted.

Rep. Phillips, of New Jersey, moved further to amend, as follows:

Insert in the fifth line of the resolution after the word "may" the words "now or hereafter."

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. Phillips, of New Jersey?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the resolution accompanying the report of the committee, as amended by the amendments of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, Rep. Earl, of Ohio, and Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The hour of 12 having arrived, the Lodge receded from business for half an hour.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess, and resumed the consideration of the order pending at the time of recess, viz: the consideration of reports of committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The next report being from Committee on Finance, (pages 3088 and 3089) on the general finances of the Grand Lodge, embracing estimates of revenue and expenses and general appropriations, was considered, and, with the resolutions accompanying, was adopted.

The next report, (pages 3089 and 3090), from the same committee, on the accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and assets of the Grand Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Appeals, (pages 3090 and 3191,) on the appeal of Rep. James Smith, of Alabama, was considered and adopted.

By general consent the special order was suspended to enable the committee to whom the subject of the death of P. G. Rep. M. Purdin was referred, to report; whereupon—

Rep. Kendall, of California, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the Grand Sire's report as relates to the death of P. G. Rep. Matthew Purdin, of California, respectfully report:

That the melancholy instance of mortality which was the immediate cause of the existence of this committee is one that has cast gloom over and sadly affected the jurisdiction of California. The deceased was an old and tried Odd-Fellow, one that has often sit in council with the father of Odd-Fellowship (P. G. Sire Wildey) in the city of Baltimore, soon after the organization of the Order in the United States; one that never ceased to work for the good of the Order until death laid its hand upon him; always ready to pour oil upon any

troubled waters; kind and affable in the extreme, doing unto others as he would that others should do unto him.

As a tribute to the memory of this aged and deceased father and brother in Odd-Fellowship, in California, we submit the following preamble and resolutions:

WHEREAS it has pleased Divine Providence, in the justness of his decree, to remove from our midst P. Grand Rep. Matthew Purdin, of California, to meet his brethren in the Grand Lodge above, therefore,

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge deeply deplore the loss of this beloved patriarch and devoted friend of his fellow-man.

Resolved, That we deeply feel this irreparable loss—and while we mourn his loss we cheerfully bow to the decrees of the "Father of all nations," and console ourselves with the thought that our loss is his gain.

Resolved, That while we are called upon to mourn this providence of God, we would extend to the relatives and friends of the deceased the tenderest sympathy; and that, in testimony of the same, these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of this Body, and a copy of the same be sent to the family of deceased and to the Grand Lodge of which he was a member.

D. KENDALL,
PHILO WHITE,
J. F. SCHIEFER,
Q. H. BARRON,
GEORGE M. GARWOOD.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the reports of committees in the order in which they appear upon the Journal.

The next report, being from the Committee on Appeals, (page 3091 and 3092,) on the appeal of P G. Minnis, of South Carolina, was considered.

Rep. Young, of Maryland, moved to amend the report of the committee as follows, which was resolved in the negative:

Strike out in the fourth paragraph all the words down to the word "but," in the second line of said paragraph, and insert instead thereof the following: "And although the evidence may have been sufficient to justify the expulsion of P. G. Wollf, nevertheless."

The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the committee, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, from the same committee, (page 3092,) on the appeal of W. McKeever and B. S. Tappan *vs.* Grand Lodge of Mississippi, was considered and adopted.

The next report being from the Committee on Returns, (pages 3092 3093,) on the returns of Grand Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, (page 3093,) on the returns of Grand Encampments, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, (page 3094,) on the returns of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the Legislative Committee, (pages 3094, 3095 and 3096,) upon the subject of the expediency of providing by law for denying benefits to members of Subordinate Lodges after their removal

from their permanent residence for the space of one year, was considered.

Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, moved to indefinitely postpone the report and accompanying resolution, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, being from the same committee, (page 3096,) on the resolution of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, upon the expediency of altering the terms of Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, was considered.

Rep. Herndon, of Indiana, moved indefinitely to postpone the report and resolution accompanying, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, (pages 3096 and 3097,) from the same committee, upon the subject of a change in article four of the By-Laws, touching applications for Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment charters, was condered and adopted.

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, submitted the following proposed amendment to the fourth and fifth articles of the By-Laws, which lies over for one day under the rule:

Strike out the words "three or more Subordinate Lodges or Encampments" wherever they occur, and substitute "ten or more Sudordinate Lodges or five or more Subordinate Encampments."

Rep. Garwood, of California, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That it shall not hereafter be competent for a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment to make any pecuniary compensation out of its funds for the services of any of its officers, except to those brethren who act as Outside Guardian, Permanent Secretary, and Recording Secretary, in the Subordinate Lodge, or the Financial Scribe in the Subordinate Encampment.

Rep. Mills, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee on unfinished business report the following:

1. That a report of the Committee on Appeals at page 2928, revised Journal, was recommitted and no subsequent report thereon.

2. That a resolution of Rep. White (page 2959 revised Journal) was not acted upon.

3. That resolutions of Rep. Cassedy (page 2900 revised Journal) were not considered.

J. M. MILLS.
J. S. WHITAKER,
WILLIAM CRUTCHER.

Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, moved that the appeal of Past Grands Lyndall and Sterling from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, (reported from the Committee on Unfinished Business,) together with a communication from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania upon that subject, be referred to the Committee on Appeals, which was agreed to.

Rep. Stewart, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to revise the funeral ceremony of this Order, with leave to report at the next communication of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Earl, of Ohio, laid on the table the following amendment to the By-Laws :

Amend article twelfth of the By-Laws, by adding, after the word "Encampment" in the third line, the following : Except as specified in the "proviso," contained in the fourth section of the sixteenth article of the Constitution.

Rep. Hills, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the M. W. Grand Sire for the purpose of preparing a suitable form for public dedication of Odd-Fellows' halls, with instructions to report the same at the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. J. H. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee appointed at the last session of this Body to prepare a form of Diploma, for the use of the members of the Order, be respectfully requested so to change the language of the Diploma as to authorize Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to grant the same to their respective members.

On motion of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, the resolution was referred to a special committee.

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution, offered by Rep. Garwood, of California, viz :

Resolved, That it shall not hereafter be competent for a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment to make any pecuniary compensation out of its funds for the services of any of its officers, except to those brethren who act as Outside Guardian and Permanent Secretary or Recording Secretary in the Subordinate Lodge, or the Financial Scribe in the Subordinate Encampment.

Ask leave to report, that in their opinion the funds of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment can be used for two purposes only, viz: first, to defray its necessary expenses, and, secondly, for objects of beneficence and charity. Among these necessary expenses are to be enumerated that of securing the attendance of an Outside Guardian, who is rather the servant than an officer of the Lodge, and those of a Permanent Secretary, Permanent Scribe, and in some cases, perhaps, the Recording Secretary; but that the matter is one which properly belongs to the legislation of the respective State, District, and Territorial Grand Bodies. We therefore cannot recommend the passage of the above resolution.

JOHN W. DWINELLE,
THOMAS STEERE,
E. D. FARNSWORTH,
R. A. CALDWELL.

On motion of Rep. Hunt, of Texas, leave of absence was granted Rep. Lane, of Michigan, on account of sickness in his family.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, the Lodge adjourned until 7 o'clock this evening.

THURSDAY EVENING—7 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present: Samuel Craighead, M. W. Grand Sire, all the other Grand Officers, and a quorum of jurisdictions.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following inquiry from the jurisdiction of Ohio, presented by Rep. True, (page 3086, Journal,) namely: "Has a Subordinate Encampment jurisdiction to try and punish a member for words spoken in a Subordinate Lodge, when open, and during its regular proceedings? And, if yea, can they so try a member after the brother has been charged and tried for the same offence in the Lodge?" ask leave to report that they are somewhat embarrassed in answering the inquiry in the form presented, while they might be able to do so, satisfactorily, on the case out of which the inquiry arises. As it is, on the abstract inquiry, if the "words spoken" are only subject of charge because offensive to the Lodge *for being therein spoken*, the Encampment should not assume jurisdiction. But if the "words spoken" are offensive in themselves, if they evidence "conduct unbecoming an Odd-Fellow," or the like, acquittal or conviction by the Lodge affords no bar to a prosecution and trial in the Encampment. Although the act may be single, the offence may be several, but *the place* where the offence is committed must generally be immaterial.

R. B. BOYLSTON,
GEO. W. CASSEDY,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
J. S. HARVEY.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the petition of Sangamon Lodge, No. 6, of Illinois, respectfully report:

That in this case a member of the Lodge (P. G. John Adams) had received visiting cards on two occasions; first, on the 1st of April, 1851, for the period of nine months, which expired on January 1st, 1852; and the second on the 30th of March, 1852, for three months. It ap-

pears that on the issue of the first of these cards care was not taken to collect from the brother the whole amount of dues which he would be liable to up to the date of the expiration of the card, which error was acknowledged and rectified at the time of issuing the second card, by the brother paying arrears to the amount of $4.36, which was $3.11 more than could have accrued between the expiration of the first and the issue of the second card, and at the same time paying the dues to accrue until the expiration of the card then issued. On the 23d of the following month, April, the brother died at Urbana, Ohio.

During the period of the illness of the brother while at Urbana, Urbana Lodge, No. 46, of Ohio, rendered to him the fraternal offices usual in such cases; but was not called upon by the brother for, nor did it pay to him any benefits.

Subsequently Urbana Lodge, in behalf of "legal representatives" of the deceased brother, presented tc Sangamon Lodge a claim for nineteen weeks' benefits said to have been due the brother at the time of his death, and for the usual funeral allowance. This claim Sangamon Lodge declined to pay, on the ground that the brother at the time of his demise was suspended from benefits, by reason of being in arrears to an amount sufficient, under the by-laws of the Lodge, to work such suspension—viz: to the amount of $1.50, which would operate six months after arrears should be paid. The Lodge also objected on the ground that had the brother been beneficial at the time of his death, sufficient evidence was not presented to enable the Lodge to recognise the right of the parties named as "legal representatives" to receive any portion of such benefits. Urbana Lodge, in behalf of the "legal representatives," at a session of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in 1854, had the subject laid before that body, which adopted the following resolution: "That Sangamon Lodge, No. 6, be required to pay the amount of benefits due in the case of Bro. Adams to the order of his legal representatives."

Under the opinion that no "legal representatives," contemplated under the laws of Odd-Fellowship, had a claim for any benefits, if any were *due* by the Lodge, no payment was made.

The Grand Lodge of Illinois, at her session of 1857, again took up the subject, and directed Sangamon Lodge to pay the sum of $96.50, being the amount of the benefits claimed, to the order of Bro. Wm. F. Slater, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, for the benefit of the "legal heirs" of the deceased, under penalty of suspension. But the Grand Lodge of Illinois, at the session of 1858, agreed to give the Lodge a rehearing and to permit the Lodge to bring the matter under appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

In this case the Grand Lodge of Illinois, in its first action, seems to have been governed by the principle of the regulation adopted at the session of 1853, under which the grant of a visiting card carried with it the order of the Lodge on the fraternity in general for specific benefits to a brother, should he require the aid; but the cards in this case were issued before the adoption of that regulation, and at a time when the use of cards was not as strictly held to their present purpose as should have

been done, and which laxity in the use rendered it necessary to adopt the regulation which distinguishes the legislation of that session. No law existed in 1851 and 1852 holding the Lodge for advances made to one of its members; but, to the credit of the Order, few cases were known where any Lodge refused to reimburse other Lodges that extended relief to their members by advancing the benefits they were entitled to under the by-laws. Although the claim in this case is presented for benefits by Urbana Lodge, it is not pretended that any advances were made by the Lodge; she appears in the character of an attorney for certain "legal representatives" of the deceased brother, and the Lodge, as a Lodge, does not appear to have any interest whatever in the result.

The recognition by brother Adams of his indebtedness to the Lodge of more than a sufficient sum to suspend him from benefits, is final, as to that suspension—the card issued at that time being nothing more, under the then usage of the Order, than a receipt for dues to the period fixed on its face for expiration, and a recommendation to the civilities of the fraternity.

But the claim for these benefits is made for the use of "legal representatives," not for the widow or orphans, or even dependent relatives of the deceased, for it would seem he left none such; but for the sole use of "legal representatives," who may or may not be relatives in a remote degree, or possibly merely creditors, whom this Order do not recognise as having any claim upon the beneficiary dues to a member, even where there is no dispute on the question of the right of claim in the brother.

Your committee therefore, recommend that the appeal of Sangamon Lodge, No. 6, of Illinois, be sustained.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
WILLIAM THAYER,
HENRY CLARK,
WM. A. STRONG,
A. A. BARNES.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. William P. Green, of Manteo Lodge, No. 94, of Virginia, respectfully report, that in this case it appears the appellant had been the recipient of the benefits of the Lodge until he had recovered from the affliction which disabled him to such a degree that, although not able to resume his former occupation, he had entered upon another which he was qualified to prosecute for his support. From the action of his Lodge, in refusing him further benefits, P. G. Green appealed to the Grand Lodge of Virginia, which body sustained the action of the Lodge; from which decision the P. G. comes up to this Grand Lodge for relief

Cases of this sort, if allowed to come before this body, may multiply to such a number as to absorb too much of the valuable time of

this Grand Lodge. It involves no principle—but is simply a question of fact, and a fact that the brethren in the vicinity are always best able to decide. In this case the appellant not only does not present testimony to sustain his appeal, but actually submits the report made to the Grand Lodge of Virginia adverse to his claim.

In the hope this may be the last of its class that may make its appearance in this Grand Lodge, your committee recommend that this appeal be dismissed.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
WILLIAM THAYER,
A. A. BARNES,
W. A. STRONG,
HENRY CLARK.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G.'s Lydhall and Sterling, of Southwark Lodge, No 146, of Pennsylvania, and the communication of P. G. Master E. Wildman, of Pennsylvania, respectfully report: That in this case, at an election held in Southwark Lodge, six candidates were in nomination for an office, and on the first ballot, no person having received a majority of the votes, no election took place. Under the by-laws of the Lodge (article twenty, section second) it is provided that "on the second ballot the poll shall be between the two candidates who shall have received the highest number of votes on the first ballot," and in pursuance thereof the election was so conducted; when fifty-four votes were polled, of which twenty-seven votes were cast for one candidate, and twenty-six votes were cast for the other only remaining candidate. There was also one ballot in the box, which was cast for a brother not in nomination, and therefore reported a blank. The Noble Grand decided the blank vote was not a part of the poll, and that the brother who received twenty-seven votes was elected by a majority of the legal votes cast. From this decision an appeal was taken to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the decision was by that body sustained. The appeal is taken from this decision of the Grand Lodge.

The by-laws of the Lodge having limited the candidates on the second ballot to the two candidates having the highest vote on the first ballot, all votes cast for other candidates on the second ballot are necessarily void, and were properly excluded from the poll by the presiding Noble Grand.

Your committee therefore recommend that the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania be and is hereby sustained.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
WILLIAM THAYER,
A. A. BARNES,
WM. A. STRONG,
HENRY CLARK

Rep. Strong, of Mississippi, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the "appeal of a minority of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Maryland," submit the following report:

It appears from the papers submitted to the committee that Mount Moriah Encampment, No. 11, admitted to membership brother Joseph K. Holden; that he remained a member in good standing of that Encampment until the period of his death; that after his death the Encampment refused to pay to his widow the amount usually allowed at the death of its members, on the ground that the Patriarch had improperly represented his age at the time of his admission into the Encampment, but not discovered until after the death of the Patriarch.

The committee are agreed upon the opinion that it is improper to bring a charge against a brother after his death.

Section fifth of article tenth of the General Laws of Mount Moriah Encampment, No. 11, says that "no member shall be expelled, suspended, or deprived of benefits, except for non-payment of dues, without an impartial trial." The deceased Patriarch cannot have such a trial.

The committee, in view of the above facts, recommend that the decision of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Maryland in this case be reversed.

W. A. STRONG,
WILLIAM THAYER,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
A. A. BARNES,
HENRY CLARK.

The Chair named Reps. J. H. Robinson, of Virginia, Stuart of District of Columbia, and Kennedy, of Southern New York, as the Special Committee on the Diploma provided for by the resolution of Rep. J. H. Robinson, of Virginia, passed at the morning session.

Rep. Burnham, of Maine, presented on behalf of Saco Lodge, No. 2, of Maine, a bound copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maine, from 1844 to 1848, inclusive.

On motion of Rep. Earl, of Ohio, the rule requiring reports to lay on the table for one day was suspended, and the Lodge proceeded to consider the reports of Standing Committees.

The first report being from the Legislative Committee, (page 3102,) on the publication of a Periodical, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (pages 3102 and 3103,) from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3103,) from the same committee, upon the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, and the Constitution and General Laws of Subordinates in that jurisdiction. was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, (pages 3103 and 3104,)

on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Petitions, (page 3104,) on the petition for a charter at Leavenworth, Kansas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, (pages 3104 and 3105,) on the petition for a charter for Paradise Lodge, No. 1, was considered.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, moved to recommit the report, and the report relating to Santa Fé Encampment, to the committee, with instructions to change the name and number of the Lodge, and the number of the Encampment recommended to be chartered, which was adopted.

The next report, (pages 3105 and 3106,) being from the Committee on Printing, on the printing of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was considered.

Rep. Taylor, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend the resolution accompanying the report of the Committee as follows:

Resolved, That the detailed report of the National Celebration, as submitted by the committee, be spread upon the Journal.

The question being on the amendment, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the committee and accompanying resolution—

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, moved to amend, by striking out the last paragraph of the report of the committee, referring to a republication of the Journals, and the resolution accompanying, which was agreed to, and the report, as amended, was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, the vote just had on the report and resolution of the Committee on Printing was reconsidered.

The question being on the adoption of the report and resolution, on motion of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, the subject was recommitted to the Committee on Printing.

The next report, (page 3107,) from the Legislative Committee, in the matter of Moreh Encampment, No. 3, of Kentucky, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (pages 3107 and 3108,) from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the difference between Miami Lodge, No. 51, of Indiana, and Ogden Lodge, No. 197, of Northern New York, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on the State of the Order, (page 3108,) on the subject of the proposed amendments to the Constitution touching representation in the Grand Lodge of the United States, was considered and adopted.

The next report from the same committee, (pages 3108 and 3109,) on the resolution of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, upon the subject of the term password, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, (page 3109,) on the resolution of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, upon the expediency of appoint-

ing a visiting Lecturer upon the work of the Order, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (pages 3109 and 3110,) from the same committee, on the report and resolution from the R. W. Grand Encampment of Maryland, was considered.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved to amend the report by striking out all after the words "State Grand Body," in the fifth line.

Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, moved to further amend, as follows:

Resolved, That it is the duty of State Grand Bodies to transmit to all their respective Subordinates copies of the enactments of this R. W. Grand Lodge, and as it is the duty of said Grand Bodies to enforce not only their own laws, but the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, therefore, whenever any Subordinate Lodge or Encampment refuses or neglects to obey said laws, they at once become amenable to their Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, respectively, to whom they are alone responsible, and who can alone punish for disobedience or neglect.

Rep. Nixon, of Louisiana, moved the previous question.

The main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia?" which was not agreed to.

The question being on the amendment moved by Rep. Conley, of Georgia, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the committee, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, (page 3110,) from the same committee, on the inquiry from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, at page 3062 Journal, upon the subject of the time within which an appeal from a Subordinate may be prayed to the Grand Lodge of the United States, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3110,) from the Committee on Finance, on the subject of publishing the form of public installations in German, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (pages 3110 and 3111,) from the Legislative Committee, on the subject of expressing the rank or degree of members on cards, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3117,) from the Legislative Committee, on the subject of Subordinate Lodges or Encampments making pecuniary compensation to officers of such bodies, was considered.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved to amend the report as follows:

Strike out all after the words "Recording Secretary," in the eighth line of the report, to the words "we therefore," and strike out the word, "cannot," in the last line of the report.

Rep. True, of Ohio, moved to indefinitely postpone the whole subject, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurred on the amendment of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the committee—

Rep. Hoke, of North Carolina, moved to strike out from the report the words "who is rather the servant than an officer of the Lodge," which was agreed to.

Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the committee as amended?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, informed the Grand Lodge that the absence of Rep. Lints, of Pennsylvania, is owing to the sudden and severe illness of one of his children, and asked permission to have the explanation entered upon the Journal. Leave was granted.

Rep. Fuller, of Lower Provinces of British North America, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the next regular session of the Grand Lodge of the United States be held in the City of Nashville, in the State of Tennessee.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved to lay the resolution upon the table, which was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion the Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

After some hours passed in secret session the Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution:

By Rep. John A. Kennedy, of Southern New York, seconded by Rep. B. Conley, of Georgia, Rep. George Daman, of Florida, and Rep. J. Kidder, of New Hampshire.

"Amend the second section of the ninth article of the Constitution so that it shall read as follows:

"SECTION 2. Every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing shall be entitled to one vote in the Grand Lodge; every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing shall be entitled to two votes; and no State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than one Grand Representative at the same time: Provided, however, that any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be entitled to as many Grand Representatives as it may have votes, on assuming the payment of the mileage and per diem of the additional Grand Representative."

By Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, seconded by Rep. Conley, of Georgia, Rep. Daman, of Florida, and Rep. Kidder, of New Hampshire.

"Amend the second section of the ninth article of the Constitution to read as follows:

"SECTION 2. Every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing shall be entitled to one vote in the Grand Lodge; every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing shall be entitled to two votes; and no State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than one Grand Representative at the same time."

Rep. Nixon of Louisiana, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. Nixon, of Louisiana, seconded by Reps. Strong, of Mississippi, and Andrews, of Texas.

Amend article 12 of the Constitution by striking out "third Monday" and inserting "first Monday."

Rep. Rand, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing, to whom was recommitted their own report, respectfully submit the following:

That they have had the subject of printing the Journal of the present session of this R. W. Grand Body before them, and find that the proposal of P. G. Rep. James Young, of Baltimore, is the only one received at the office of the Grand Secretary. The committee having examined said proposal, and finding it satisfactory, have concluded a contract with Bro. Young for the printing, and recommend that the bill for the same, together with the bill for printing the daily Journal, be approved by the Grand Secretary after he shall have received satisfactory evidence from some competent person selected by him that it is correct. The committee would also recommend that hereafter proposals be issued and a contract made for printing the daily Journal in the same manner as is provided for printing the revised Journal.

The committee have also had under consideration the matter referred to them relative to compiling and printing the accounts of the several celebrations held on the 26th of April last; and they would report that in view of the embarrassed condition of the finances of this Grand Lodge, and the very voluminous accounts of the celebrations which have been forwarded to the office of the Grand Secretary, that it is inexpedient for this Grand Lodge to take any action in the premises. The committee would, however, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Oration delivered by Rep. R. B. Boylston, at the National Celebration in New York, be published with the proceedings of this session, in the form of an Appendix.

CALEB RAND,
JOSEPH KIDDER,
E. G. STORER,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
THOS. M. BANBURY.

Rep. True, of Ohio, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The undersigned, appointed a committee to present to this body a suitable expression of the feelings of the Grand Lodge upon the decease of P. G. Rep. Wm. G. Williams, offer the following:

It having been announced to this Grand Lodge that our late well-beloved brother, William G. Williams, who for a period represented upon this floor the R. W. Grand Encampment of Ohio, has departed this life,

it becomes us to express the grief we feel upon the mournful bereavement. Endowed with those qualities which so eminently make the man and the Odd-Fellow, a bright intellect and a kind heart, we knew him an earnest laborer in this great field of humanizing effort, making his impress indelible upon the Order in his own State, and assisting to its more complete development here. In a very brief period of time after entering our Order we find Bro. Williams filling in rapid succession the highest trusts of his Lodge, his Encampment, and of both the Grand Bodies of his State. Thus honored, and found true to the trusts reposed in him, the further trust of representing the Order in a jurisdiction that knew his industry, his integrity, and fidelity to whatever interests were confided to him, seems a matter of course. Mourning the loss of one so useful to the Order, we bow to the mandate of that Great Master who doeth all things well, and whose purpose we are not to question. We therefore tender the sympathies of this Grand Lodge to the fraternity of Ohio and the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Ohio this expression of our sympathy in their bereavement, and also a copy to the family of the deceased, conveying our condolence to them in their irreparable loss.

BENJ. C. TRUE,
E. M. BARNUM,
MILTON HERNDON,
J. H. CLEMMER,
GEO. D. WINCHELL.

Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance recommend an appropriation of ten dollars for services of John Barron, as Assistant Messenger, for the present term of this Grand Lodge.

F. D. STUART,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
J. H. ROBINSON,
WM. H. H. PRALL,
A. S. BARRY

Rep. J. H. Robinson, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee charged with the duty of preparing a form of certificate of membership for the diploma ordered by this Grand Lodge at its last session, beg leave to submit the following form, and recommend its adoption:

"We, the Most Worthy Grand Sire, Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, Officers, and Members of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the United States of America and jurisdic-

tion thereunto belonging, and the Most Worthy Grand Master and Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of ....., do hereby certify that our well beloved Brother ....., is a member of ....., No. ....., and that he is a true and worthy member of our Order. In testimony whereof, we grant him this certificate, and recommend him to the friendship of all the brethren of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows throughout the Globe. And that the same may not be of use to any other person we have caused him in our presence to sign his name on the margin."

J. H. ROBINSON,
FRED. D. STUART,
JOHN A. KENNEDY.

Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented have the pleasure and satisfaction to report that Representatives are present from every Grand Body under the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge, with perhaps the exception of the Grand Encampment of North Carolina.

H. G. STETSON,
A. C. MARSH,
PHILO WHITE,
C. C. JACKSON,
WM. P. TAYLOR.

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, laid on the table the following proposed new Rule of Order:

ARTICLE XL.—Whenever a resolution shall be proposed by any Representative, and a motion shall be made and entertained in regular order to refer the same to any standing committee of this Grand Lodge, the first question shall be, "Will the Grand Lodge entertain the resolution?" and in case that proposition be adopted, then the proposed resolution may be referred to such committee as this Grand Lodge shall direct. But in case the Grand Lodge shall refuse to entertain the resolution, it shall not be referred, but shall lie upon the table.

Rep. Prall, of Northern New York, laid on the table the following resolution and amendment to the Constitution:

Resolved, That the following matters be referred to the several Grand Jurisdictions for their consideration, and that they be requested to report their conclusions to this R. W. Grand Body at the next annual communication: 1st, The abolishment of the mileage and per diem to Grand Representatives. 2d, The reduction of the present representative tax of seventy-five dollars to its former amount of twenty dollars for each Representative. 3d, Supplies, such as cards, books, odes, &c., be furnished to Grand Bodies and Subordinates at cost price. 4th, All deficiency in revenue to be yearly assessed upon the membership of the respective Grand Bodies.

By Rep. Prall, of Northern New York, seconded by Rep. White, of Northern New York, Rep. Taylor, of Pennsylvania, Rep. Hunt, of Texas, Rep. Garwood, of California, Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, and Rep. Clark, of Vermont.

Amend article fourteen, clause two of the Constitution, by striking out the words "seventy-five" and inserting "twenty."

Rep. Mason, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was recommitted the petition of David V. Whiting, James Graham, J. Stoughton, and six others, praying for a charter for a Lodge to be located at Sante Fe, in the Territory of New Mexico, with instructions to change the name and number of said Lodge as contained in their former report, have had the same under consideration, and would recommend that said Lodge be known and hailed as.....Lodge, No. 3.

W. B. MASON,
JOS. RICHARDSON, JR.,
GEORGE M. GARWOOD,
L. B. HILLS,
CHARLES NUTTER.

On motion of Rep. Mason, of Kentucky, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. Mason, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was recommitted the petition of Melchoir Werner, James Graham, J. Stoughton, and five others, praying for a charter for an Encampment to be located at Santa Fe, in the Territory of New Mexico, with instructions to change the name and number of said Encampment from that contained in their former report, have had the same under consideration, and recommend that said Encampment shall be known and hailed as Santa Fe Encampment, No. 2.

W. B. MASON,
JOS. RICHARDSON, JR.,
GEO. M. GARWOOD,
L. B. HILLS,
CHARLES NUTTER.

On motion of Rep. Mason, of Kentucky, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. Bailey, of Missouri, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred so much of the Annual Report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to the application of the "Grand Lodge of Australia of Odd-Fellows" for affiliation and fellowship by this R. W. Grand Lodge, beg leave to report as follows:

It appears by the proceedings of the last session of this Grand Lodge that a paper was presented by Rep. Johnson, of California, purporting to come from the Grand Lodge of Australian Odd-Fellows, on

the subject of "supplies." That paper was referred to a special committee, consisting of the California delegation, who made a report to be found on page 2986 of Journal of session of 1858. The object of that communication was to obtain "supplies" for the use of their Lodges.

The committee came to the conclusion that the body styling itself the "Grand Lodge of Victoria" was self-constituted, and held no legal charter from any Grand Body authorizing them to work according to the ritual and usage of the "Independent Order of Odd-Fellows" in the United States.

The committee go on to say "that the dignity and self-respect of this Grand Lodge forbid any definite action on this subject until a formal application shall have been made by the Australian Odd-Fellows for intercommunion with us."

The report closes with a recommendation that the Grand Secretary be authorized to correspond with the brethren in Australia and ask "their Lodge's action in making officially known to this Grand Lodge their wishes for a recognition by us of their organization."

The above report was adopted, and the Grand Secretary complied with the recommendation by corresponding with the Grand Lodge of Victoria, in Australia, in which he communicated to them the action of this Grand Lodge in reference to the Order in British North America, together with the above report. In reply thereto, a communication was received from W. E. Langley, Grand Secretary, enclosing a petition for a charter from this Grand Lodge, to be accompanied with the necessary books, cards, &c.; and also enclosing a draft for ninety-seven dollars in money.

The communication of G. Sec. Langley gives the origin of the "Grand Lodge of Victoria" as follows:

"The Grand Lodge of England, I. O. O. F., granted a charter authorizing the formation of a Grand Lodge at Sydney, New South Wales, and from that body our charter emanated," as did that of the sister colony of Tasmania. "At that time the Order here was in communication with the Grand Lodge of England, but during the 'gold fever' here our Grand Secretary neglected to keep up a correspondence with the Order in various parts of the world." "When G. M. Bro. Barber was elected to office he instructed me to write to the Grand Lodge of California. That communication you are aware has been laid before you."

[Allusion is here made to the communication which was the basis of the report quoted from above.]

G. Sec. Langley goes on to say that "the Order here occupies an isolated position, especially as the Manchester Unity and the Grand United Order of Odd-Fellows are established here, and have a large number of members."

The above is all that can be ascertained from the communication in reference to the origin and present position of the petitioners.

On the 6th of June, 1859, the "Grand Lodge of Victoria" held a special meeting, at which it was

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to write to the Grand Lodge of the United States, applying to them for affiliation and a charter for this

Grand Lodge, said application to be signed by the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and five Past Grands, and that funds be sent to pay for the same, and for a supply of Grand Secretary and Lodge certificates, and a complete set of all books, initiation, lecture or degree and charge books, required for the guidance of this Grand Lodge."

Accompanying the above resolution appears the following petition:

"To the R. W. Grand Sire, Grand Officers, and Members of the R. W. the Grand Lodge of the United States.

"In accordance with the resolution passed by the Grand Lodge of Victoria on the 6th of June, we, the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Secretary, and the undersigned Past Grands, do hereby apply to you for affiliation with you, and that you will grant to us a charter acknowledging us as brethren, and constituting our Grand Lodge in connexion with that of yours, and giving to our members the right of admission into your Lodges, &c. upon the same terms as that issued to the Grand Lodge of British North America."

Here follow the signatures of the Grand Officers and five Past Grands.

The above statement presents a brief history of the circumstances of the case, and the manner in which the Order in Australia appears before this Grand Lodge, and also shows the extent of the information furnished by the papers in the possession of your committee as to the origin of the Grand Lodge of Victoria.

In the report of the committee made to the last session of this Grand Lodge, and before quoted from, the committee say, "that from *information* in the possession of your committee, other than the communication itself, it would appear that the ritual, laws, and the routine of duty of these Australian Odd-Fellows are the same as those of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows of the United States." How they came into possession of it, or by what authority they are working under it, does not appear from any source.

The strength of the "Grand Lodge of Victoria" consists of five Subordinate Lodges, with a membership numbering 190, and two others which had just been instituted, and a net fund amounting in the aggregate to $5,650. From the statement of Grand Secretary Langley it would appear that they are doing well, and endeavoring "to maintain the honor and principles of the I. O. O. F." in that far off region of the globe.

The consideration of this matter imposes upon your committee and upon the Grand Lodge itself a very grave responsibility. In it is involved the unlimited extension of the principles and benefits of our Order to nations other than those which are located contiguous to our own, and which may radically differ from us in both their social and political organization. Whatever we may do, it becomes us to so direct our action that the spread of Friendship, Love, and Truth over the world should at least not be *retarded* or kept back.

The small number of brothers in Australia who have sent up this petition to us appear to be engaged in the labor of love which our ritual imposes upon its devotees every where with a sincere and earnest purpose.

If any course of action can be taken by this Grand Lodge which shall foster and sustain, or aid in building up, a sister jurisdiction in Australia, your committee feel sure that every member of this R. W Body will cheerfully and heartily join in such action.

On the other hand, it cannot be denied that numerous difficulties surround this question, and render a satisfactory solution of it almost impracticable. As a preliminary step to an affiliation with the brethren in Australia, it would be necessary that their Grand Lodge should be legalized by a charter emanating from this R. W. Body, and that they should be placed properly in possession of the "work" as used throughout our jurisdiction. To do this would require the services of a competent member of this Grand Lodge, who would be obliged to proceed to Australia, and there upon the spot perform the duties of his mission. This would involve the expenditure of a considerable amount of money, which would have to be paid by the "Grand Lodge of Victoria," or her Subordinates, in accordance with the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, article six, which reads as follows: "All traveling and other expenses of the Grand Sire or of the Past Grand or Patriarch deputed by him to institute a Grand or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, *shall be paid by such Lodge or Encampment.*"

It does not appear at present that the Grand Lodge of Victoria is either willing or able to defray the expenses which would necessarily be incurred by a special agent to Australia, and the matter must therefore be left in abeyance until something further is heard from them in response to our present action.

In order, however, to save time, and to manifest the disposition of this Grand Lodge towards the Australian brethren, your committee would recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge be instructed to notify the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Victoria that the Grand Lodge of the United States cannot act definitely on the application made until indubitable evidence of the identity of the work of the Order in Victoria with that used in this jurisdiction has been produced, or until this Grand Lodge shall be justified in commissioning a qualified brother to proceed to Australia and ascertain the actual condition of the Order there, and, if found favorable, that he be fully authorized to institute the Order in Australia as an independent jurisdiction, subject only to the limitations and conditions heretofore required in the establishment of the Grand Lodge of British North America.

S. H. BAILEY,
J. A. KENNEDY,
JAS. H. STEWART,
JNO. PATTEN,
JAMES B. NICHOLSON.

On motion the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

SAMUEL CRAIGHEAD.....M. W. Grand Sire.
EDWD. H. FITZHUGH.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. A. PAUL REPITON....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
ISAAC M. TUCKER.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
S. H. LEWYT.....W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN..W. Grand Messenger.

And a representation from every jurisdiction.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. A. Paul Repiton, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. Mason, of Kentucky, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

By general consent, Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved the following resolution, which was resolved in the affirmative:

Resolved, That after the hour of 11 o'clock this morning no new business will be entertained by this Grand Lodge at the present session.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following Special Committees:

Committee to Revise the Form of Burial Service.—Reps. Stewart, of Indiana; Veitch, of Missouri; Nicholson, of Pennsylvania; Thayer, of South Carolina; Marble, of Massachusetts.

Committee on Form of Dedication of Halls.—Reps. Hills, of Wisconsin; Stuart, of District of Columbia; Conley, of Georgia; Nixon, of Louisiana; Escavaille, of Maryland.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following District Deputy Grand Sires:

Vermont.- -P. G. Calvin Dart, of Bennington.
Arkansas.—P. G. James A. Henry, Little Rock.
New Mexico.—P. G. John B. Grayson, Santa Fe.
Lower Provinces.—P. G. E. G. Fuller, Halifax, N. S.
Sandwich Islands.—P. G. R. S. Wood, Honolulu.
Oregon Territory.—P. G. E. M. Barnum, Salem.
Florida.—P. G. Asa B. Clark, Tallahassee.
Kansas Territory.—P. G. J. C. Hemingray, Leavenworth.
Minnesota.—P. G. Orson J. Noble.
Delaware.—Henry Eckel, Wilmington.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report; when, on motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution and General Laws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, respectfully

report that they have carefully considered the pamphlet submitted to them, which they find to be arranged under several divisions, entitled, 1st. Constitution, Rules of Order, and General Laws; 2d. District Legislation; 3d. Subordinate Lodges; in each of which the committee would suggest and recommend certain corrections.

1. Constitution. Strike out section five of article second, being in violation of the rights of Past Grands; in article third, section four, last line, strike out the words "*the Royal Purple;*" in article fifth, section eight, strike out in the nineteenth and twentieth lines the words "*to reballot for persons who may be black-balled when the objections are withdrawn;*" strike out all after the word "*Lodge,*" in the twenty-eighth line, to the word "*year,*" in the thirty-second line of same section inclusive; in article tenth, section three, substitute the word "*worthy*" for "*worshipful,*" in the third line—no such title as *worshipful* being known in Odd-Fellowship.

2. General Laws. In article first section three, strike out the words "by proxy"—Past Grands as Past Grands can have no right to vote by proxy; strike out the twenty-eighth section of same article.

3. District Legislation. In article first, section one, insert the letter "P." before the letters "N. G's" in the fourth line; in the sixth section, strike out all after the word "*granted,*" in the first line, to the word "*or,*" in the second line, inclusive; strike out in the third line the words "*his petition,*" and insert "*a proposition.*"

4. Subordinate Lodges. To article third, section six, add the following words: "While there are other qualified members willing to serve;" strike out the eighth section entirely; strike out the *proviso* of the tenth section.

With these corrections the committee respectfully recommend that the Constitution and General Laws of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska be approved.

F. A. ELLIS,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
L. C. ZIMMERMAN,
O. J. NOBLE.

On motion of Rep. Taylor, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge resumed the consideration of reports of standing committees, as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, (page 3118,) being from the Committee on the State of the Order, upon the inquiry submitted by Rep. True, of Ohio, relating to the liability of a brother to trial in both his Lodge and Encampment upon the same charge, was considered.

Rep. Israel Robinson, of Virginia, moved the previous question. The main question was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

By general consent, Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolutions:

Resolved, That all State Grand Officers and officers of all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments are prohibited from signing any diploma, certificate, or card not issued by the authority of this R. W. Grand Body to brothers of the Order, and properly authenticated by the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary, written or engraved on the margin thereof.

Resolved, That all diplomas, certificates, or cards not issued by the authority of this R. W. Grand Body, which have been signed by any officer of a Grand or Subordinate Body, are of no force or effect, and the same are null and void.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing resolutions to all State Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs, immediately on the adjournment of this Grand Lodge, directing them to promulgate to their respective Subordinates the action of this Grand Lodge in relation to signing diplomas, &c.

Rep. Barnes, of Tennessee, moved to lay the resolutions on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on adopting the resolutions of Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of reports of standing committees.

The next report, (pages 3118, 3119 and 3120,) being from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of Sangamon Lodge, No. 6, of Illinois, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (pages 3120 and 3121,) from the same committee, on the appeal of P. G. William Green, of Manteo Lodge, No. 94, of Virginia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, (page 3121,) on the appeal of P. G's Lydall and Stirling, of Southwark Lodge, No. 146, of Pennsylvania, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the same committee, (page 3122,) on the appeal of the minority of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Maryland, was considered and adopted.

By unanimous consent the special order was suspended; when—

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. Conley, of Georgia, seconded by Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, and Rep. Langdon, of Southern New York.

Amend article first, section five of the Constitution, by striking out the word "unanimous" and the words "four-fifths," in said article, and inserting in both cases the words "three-fifths."

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, seconded by Rep. Burnham, of Maine, Rep. Marble, of Massachusetts, and Rep. Garwood, of California.

Amend article twelve of Constitution to read:

"1. This Grand Lodge shall meet biennially on the third Monday of September, at 9 o'clock A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet on the calls of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, Territorial, and Colonial Grand Bodies, communicating to them the purpose for which the

special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above provided.

"2. During the time intervening between the biennial session there shall be a Committee consisting of the Grand Sire, the Deputy Grand Sire, the Grand Secretary, and the Committee on Appeals appointed at the last preceding session, to whom appeals and applications for charters may be made, or any other business referred not affecting the finance of the Grand Lodge nor being of a legislative nature. Said committee shall hold semi-annual sessions, their action being always subject to confirmation or reversal by the Grand Lodge at its next session.

"3. Article nine and other articles of the Constitution are hereby ordered to be conformed in phraseology so as not to conflict with this."

Rep. Earl, of Ohio, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. Earl, of Ohio, seconded by Rep. Winchell, of Ohio, Rep. Marsh, of Illinois, and Rep. Garrett, of Iowa.

Amend article nine, section two, of the Constitution, by adding thereto: "Provided that the Grand Lodge of any jurisdiction in which, by mutual agreement, the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment shall have been merged into one body, shall be entitled to such representation as the said Grand Lodge may from time to time be entitled to, and the said Representatives, in addition to the votes they would otherwise be entitled to cast, shall be allowed to add the vote to which the Grand Encampment of its State was entitled prior to and at the time of the mergement."

Rep. Earl, of Ohio, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. Earl, of Ohio, seconded by Rep. Winchell, of Ohio, Rep. Marsh, of Illinois, and Rep. Garrett, of Iowa.

Amend article one, section seven, by adding these words: "But the Grand Bodies of any State or Territory may, by mutual agreement, consolidate the functions and powers of both in the Grand Lodge, and thereafter the jurisdiction previously exercised by the two bodies separately shall be vested in the State Grand Lodge, and all Subordinate Encampments in said jurisdiction shall be governed by the laws of said Grand Lodge, not inconsisent with the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States."

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that its convenience and comfort would be greatly promoted by changing the chair of the presiding officer, and also the desk of the Recording Secretary, to the north side of the Hall.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland be, and it is hereby, respectfully requested to have the change made as indicated in the foregoing resolution.

The Lodge resumed the special order, viz: the consideration of the reports of standing committees in the order in which they appear upon the Journal.

The next report, (page 3126,) being from the Committee on Printing, on printing the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was considered.

Rep. Rand, of Massachusetts, moved to amend as follows, which was adopted:

Resolved, That in future the Grand Secretary be directed to advertise for proposals for printing the daily Journal, as now directed by the 28th By-Law for

the revised Journal; and that said proposals be required to be handed in at least one week previous to the sessions of this Grand Lodge, and the same be opened by the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary, who shall award the contract to the lowest bidder.

And the report, as amended, was adopted.

The next report, (page 3127,) being from the Committee on Finance, on compensation to Jno. Barron, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (pages 3127 and 3128,) from the special committee on the subject of the form of the diploma, was considered.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved indefinitely to postpone the report of the committee.

Rep. Jacob H. Robinson, of Virginia, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was agreed to.

The next report, (pages 3129, 3130, 3131 and 3132,) from the special committee on the subject of the application of the Grand Lodge of Victoria in Australia, was considered and adopted.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Hunt, of Texas, from the Committee on Mileage, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Per Diem and Mileage ask leave to present the annexed tabular statement of the distance travelled by the Representatives to attend the present session of this Grand Lodge, with the amount of mileage and daily pay to which each Representative is entitled, under the resolution adopted by this Grand Body at its present session, and ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amount of mileage and per diem as set forth in the accompanying tabular statement is hereby ordered to be paid.

E. P. HUNT,
W. C. EARL,
J. S. WHITAKER,
A. SHINKLE.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAMES.	PROFESSION.	Town.	State.	Distance from Baltimore.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
GRAND OFFICERS.								
M. W. G. Sire Saml. Craighead.	Lawyer	Dayton	Ohio	590	5	$59 00	$15 00	$74 00
R. W. D. G. Sire E. H. Fitzhugh.	Lawyer	Wheeling	Virginia	379	5	37 90	15 00	52 90
R. W. G. C. & R. S. J. L. Ridgely.	Farmer	Baltimore Co.	Maryland					
R. W. G. Treas. Joshua Vansant.	Hat Manufacturer	Baltimore	Maryland					
R. W. G. Chap. A. Paul Repiton.		Wilmington	N. Carolina	442	5	44 20	15 00	59 20
R. W. G. Marshal I. M. Tucker.	Lawyer	Newark	New Jersey.	184	5	18 40	15 00	33 40
R. W. G. Guar. S. H. Lewyt.	Jeweller	Baltimore	Maryland		5		15 00	15 00
R. W. G. Mess. J. E. Chamberlain.	Shoe Manufacturer	Baltimore	Maryland					
REPRESENTATIVES.								
Adams, George W.	Supt. Railroad	Savannah	Georgia	844	5	84 40	15 00	99 00
Anderson, H. G.	Merchant	Peoria	Illinois	928	5	92 80	15 00	107 80
Andrews, H. B.	Post Master	Galveston	Texas	1,748	5	174 80	15 00	189 80
Bailey, Horatio, L.	Accountant	Columbus	Mississippi.	1,234	5	123 40	15 00	138 40
Bailey, Samuel H.	Manufacturer	St. Louis	Missouri	928	5	92 80	15 00	107 80
Banbury, Thos. M.	Architect and Builder.	Iowa City,	Iowa	1,018	4	101 80	12 00	113 80
Barnes, A. A.	Lawyer	Knoxville	Tennessee	627	5	62 70	15 00	77 70
Barnum, E. M.	Lawyer	Salem	Oregon	6,970	5	697 00	15 00	712 00
Barron, Quartus H.	Farmer	Fox Leake	Wisconsin	974	5	97 40	15 00	112 40
Barry, A. S.	Druggist	Alton	Illinois	938	5	93 80	15 00	108 80
Boylston, R. B.	Lawyer	Winnsboro'	S. Carolina.	623	5	62 30	15 00	77 30
Bragg, Thos. F.	Merchant	New Orleans.	Louisiana	1,448	5	144 80	15 00	159 80
Brown, Thos.	Railroad Agent	Rochester	N. Hampshire	486	5	48 60	15 00	63 60
Burnham, E. P.	Lawyer	Saco	Maine	506	3	50 60	9 00	59 60

Caldwell, Richard A	Lawyer	Salisbury	N. Carolina	512	5	51 20	15 00	66 20
Cassedy, Geo. W	Lawyer	Jersey City	New Jersey	192	5	19 20	15 00	34 20
Choate, Danl. L	Ship	Gorham	Maine	525	5	52 50	15 00	67 50
Clark, Henry	Merchant	Poultney	Vermont	424	5	42 40	15 00	57 40
Clements, John T		Wash'gton City	Dis. of Col	40	5	4 00	15 00	19 00
Clemmer, J. H	Lawyer	Cincinnati	Ohio	592	5	59 20	15 00	74 20
Conley, Benjamin	Merchant	Augusta	Georgia	707	5	70 70	15 00	85 70
Cook, W. H	Farmer	Bellevue	Nebraska	1,703	5	170 30	15 00	185 30
Crutcher, Wm	Merchant	Vicksburg	Mississippi	1,239	5	123 90	15 00	138 90
Daman, George	Cabinet Maker	Tallahassee	Florida	1,110	5	111 00	15 00	126 00
Didama, S. A	Silversmith	Liberty	Wisconsin	895	5	89 50	15 00	104 50
Dwinelle, J. W	President of Bank	Rochester	New York	352	5	35 20	15 00	50 20
Earl, William C	Manufacturer	Toledo	Ohio	597	5	59 70	15 00	74 70
Ellis, F. A	Lawyer	Elkton	Maryland	51	5	5 10	15 00	20 10
Escavaille, J. B	Grand Secretary	Baltimore	Maryland		5		15 00	15 00
Farnsworth, E. D	Steamboat Inspector	Nashville	Tennessee	888	5	88 80	15 00	103 80
Fuller, E. G	Bookseller	Halifax	Nova Scotia	1,135	2	113 50	6 00	119 50
Garrett, William	Merchant	Burlington	Iowa	1,012	5	101 20	15 00	116 20
Garwood, Geo. M	Merchant	San Francisco	California	5,953	5	595 30	15 00	610 30
Green, Wm. Duff	Physician	Mt. Vernon	Illinois	927	4	92 70	12 00	104 70
Hardy, John	Editor	Selma	Alabama	1,102	5	110 20	15 00	125 20
Harper, Martin B	Accountant	Mobile	Alabama	1,253	5	125 30	15 00	140 30
Harvey, Jonathan S	Lawyer	Jeffersonville	Indiana	723	5	72 30	15 00	87 30
Hemingray, J. C	Banker	Leavenworth	Kansas	1,428	3	142 80	9 00	151 80
Herndon, Milton	Physician	Crawfordsville	Indiana	797	5	79 70	15 00	94 70
Hills, L. B	Banker	Waupan	Wisconsin	978	5	97 80	15 00	112 80
Hoke, William J	Manufacturer	Lincolnton	N. Carolina	614	5	61 40	15 00	76 40
Hunt, E. P	Notary Public	Galveston	Texas	1,745	5	174 50	15 00	189 50
Jackson, C. C	Manufacturer	Ansonia	Connecticut	275	5	27 50	15 00	42 50
Kendall, David	Merchant	Sacramento	California	6,100	5	610 00	15 00	625 00
Kennedy, John A	Sup. Castle Garden	New York	New York	192	5	19 20	15 00	34 20
Kidder, Joseph	Merchant	Manchester	N. Hampshi'e	458	5	45 80	15 00	60 80
Lane, Minot T.	Magistrate	Detroit	Michigan	660	4	66 00	12 00	78 00
Langdon, DeWitt C	Bank Clerk	New York	New York	192	5	19 20	15 00	34 20
Lent, Abram	Clothier	New York	New York	192	4	19 20	12 00	31 20
Lints, J. J	Bookseller	Erie	Pennsylvania					

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—CONTINUED.

NAMES	PROFESSION.	Town.	State	Distance from Baltimore.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
McKinley, James	Blacksmith	Detroit	Michigan	660	5	66 00	15 00	81 00
McKinstry, A	Judge	Mobile	Alabama	1,253	5	125 30	15 00	140 30
McLean, Wm. R	Printer	Wash'ton City	Dis. of Col	40	5	4 00	15 00	19 00
Marble, William	Sailmaker	Boston	Massachu'tts	408	5	40 80	15 00	55 80
Marley, Richard	Shoe Manufacturer	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	5	.....	15 00	15 00
Marsh, A. C	Banker	Quincy	Illinois	1,012	5	101 20	15 00	116 20
Mason, W. B	Lawyer	Lancaster	Kentucky	717	5	71 70	15 00	86 70
Miller, Chris	Printer	Lafayette	Indiana	762	5	76 20	15 00	91 20
Mills, J. M	Physician	Frankfort	Kentucky	721	5	72 10	15 00	87 10
Mitchell, Edward	Grand Secretary	Charleston	S. Carolina	668	5	66 80	15 00	81 80
Nicholson, James B	Bookbinder	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	98	5	9 80	15 00	24 80
Nixon, J. O	Editor	New Orleans	Louisiana	1,448	5	144 80	15 00	159 80
Noble, O J	Miller	St. Paul	Minnesota	1,446	5	144 60	15 00	159 60
Nutter, Charles	Postmaster	Saco	Maine	506	5	50 60	15 00	65 60
Partridge, Thomas	Solicitor	London	Canada West	547	5	54 70	15 00	69 70
Patten, George	Merchant	Savannah	Georgia	844	5	84 40	15 00	99 40
Phillips, John H.	Physician	Pennington	New Jersey	137	4	13 70	12 00	25 70
Prall, W. H. H	Grand Secretary	Albany	New York	342	5	34 20	15 00	49 20
Rand, Caleb	Printer	Charleston	Massachu 'tts	408	5	40 80	15 00	55 80
Richardson, Joseph, Jr	Manufacturer	Wilmington	Delaware	75	5	7 50	15 00	22 50
Robinson, E. C	Dentist	Norfolk	Virginia	200	5	20 00	15 00	35 00
Robinson, Israel	Contractor	Martinsburg	Virginia	100	5	10 00	15 00	25 00
Robinson, J. H	City Collector	Lynchburg	Virginia	293	5	29 30	15 00	44 30
Rodney, John D	Clerk	Georgetown	Delaware	155	5	15 50	15 00	30 50

Schiefer, Jacob F..	Saddler..	Cape Gerardeau	Missouri....	1,078	5	107 80	15 00	122 80
Scott, Hiram K....	Merchant.	Ridgefield.....	Connecticut.	245	5	24 50	15 00	39 50
Shinkle, A.....	Coal Dealer.....	Covington.....	Kentucky....	593	5	59 30	15 00	74 30
Smith, Simri.....	Restaurant.....	Providence....	Rhode Island	372	5	37 20	15 00	52 20
Smith, W. Huntington.....	Auditor R. R. Co.....	Adrian.....	Michigan....	630	5	63 00	15 00	78 00
Steere, Thomas.....	Lawyer.....	Woonsoket....	R. Island....	389	5	38 90	15 00	53 90
Stetson, H. G.....	Merchant.....	New Orleans..	Louisiana...	1,448	5	144 80	15 00	159 80
Stewart, J. H.....	Clerk of Court	Delphia.....	Indiana.....	742	5	74 20	15 00	89 20
Storer, E. G.....	Printer.....	New Haven...	Connecticut.	266	5	26 60	15 00	41 60
Strong, Wm. A.....	Planter.....	Greenwood....	Mississippi ..	1,354	5	135 40	15 00	150 40
Stuart, F. D.....	Draughtsman.....	Washington ...	Dis. of Col...	40	5	4 00	15 00	19 00
Tapley, W. R.....	Clerk.....	Dover.....	N. Hampshi'e	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Taylor, Wm. P.....	Carpenter.....	Philadelphia...	Pennsylvania	98	5	9 80	15 00	24 80
Thayer, William.....	Bank Clerk.....	Charleston.....	S. Carolina..	668	5	66 80	15 00	81 80
True, Benjamin C.....	Engraver.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	592	5	59 20	15 00	74 20
Veitch, Isaac M.....	Secretary Insurance Co.	St. Louis.....	Missouri.. ..	928	5	92 80	15 00	107 80
Walker, H. K.....	Editor.....	Nashville.....	Tennessee...	888	5	88 80	15 00	103 80
Whitaker, J. S.....	Physician.....	Elmer.....	New Jersey.	138	5	13 80	15 00	28 80
White, David.....	Printer.....	Utica.....	New York...	437	5	43 70	15 00	58 70
White, Philo.....	Jeweller.....	San Francisco .	California...	5,953	5	595 30	15 00	610 30
Winchell, Geo. D.....	Manufacturer.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	592	5	59 20	15 00	74 20
Woodruff, W. E. jr.....	Lawyer.....	Little Rock....	Arkansas....	1,221	5	122 10	15 00	137 10
Woodward, B. B.....	Cashier.....	Davenport.....	Iowa.....	963	5	96 30	15 00	111 30
Youlen, Abram.....	Painter.....	Roxbury	Massachu'tts	410	5	41 00	15 00	56 00
Young, William H....	Lawyer..... ..	Baltimore.....	Maryland. ..	.....	5	.....	15 00	15 00
Zimmerman, L. C.....	Builder.....	Norristown....	Pennsylvania	115	5	11 50	15 00	26 50
				89,430	503	$8,943 00	$1509 00	$10,452 00

E. P. HUNT, Chairman Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.

BALTIMORE, September 23d, 1859.

Rep. Barnum, of Oregon, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem made the following minority report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, begs leave to dissent from so much of the report of the majority of the committee as makes a computation of mileage by routes which are altogether impracticable for travel; and while it may be granted that the *letter* of the resolutions of this Grand Lodge providing for mileage of members would warrant the committee in computing mileage for members in attendance at this Grand Lodge from the Pacific coast, to estimate the same by an overland route, yet he is constrained to believe that such is not the *spirit* of the resolutions; and inasmuch as it is *altogether impracticable* for Representatives from the Pacific coast to travel by any other route than the Isthmus of Panama he respectfully submits the following:

Resolved, That the tabular statement of mileage of the members of this session of the Grand Lodge be so amended as to compute the mileage of Representatives from the Pacific Coast by the Panama route of travel.

E. M. BARNUM.

On motion of Rep. Hunt, of Texas, to adopt the resolution accompanying the minority report for so much of the majority report as refers to the Representatives from the Pacific coast, it was resolved in the affirmative, and the report of the majority of the Mileage Committee, as amended by the motion of Rep. Hunt, of Texas, was adopted.

On motion of Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, the Grand Treasurer was authorized to return the sum of money received from the Grand Lodge of Victoria.

The Lodge now considered the rule of order proposed by Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, as follows:

ARTICLE XL.—Whenever a resolution shall be proposed by any Representative, and a motion shall be made and entertained in regular order to refer the same to any standing committee of this Grand Lodge, the first question shall be, "Will the Grand Lodge entertain the resolution?" and in case that proposition be adopted, then the proposed resolution may be referred to such committee as this Grand Lodge shall direct. But in case the Grand Lodge shall refuse to entertain the resolution, it shall not be referred, but lie upon the table.

And the Lodge refused to adopt the same.

Rep. Woodruff, of Arkansas, laid on the table the following amendment to the constitution:

By Rep. Woodruff, of Arkansas, seconded by Rep. Harper, of Alabama, and Rep. Green, of Illinois.

Amend section three of article one of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, by inserting between the words "Encampment" and "all," in the tenth line of said section, the words: But the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, in addition to its regular jurisdiction, shall have that of a Grand Encampment, and no other Grand Encampment shall be allowed in that State, and all Subordinate Encampments in that State shall be subject to said Grand Lodge.

The hour of 12 o'clock having arrived, the Lodge receded from business for half an hour.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess.

Rep. Hemingray, of Kansas, submitted the following paper:

SEPTEMBER 22, 1859.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned Representatives respectfully ask that this, their protest against the action of this Grand Lodge in the matter of the "appeal of P. G. Minniss from the action of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, in reversing the action of Howard Lodge, No. 3, I. O. O. F., in expelling P. G. Julius M. Wollf," in adopting the report of the Committee on Appeals, in the form as presented by that committee.

The undersigned protest only against the following clause in said report, to wit: "*The committee believe from the facts before them that there is just cause for the expulsion of P. G. Wollf*," because the undersigned believe it is not the province of this Grand Lodge to pass upon *pure questions of fact*, in any particular case; and because it is not the duty of the "Committee of Appeals," even "*en passant*," to report any opinion upon the truth or falsity of the facts in any case whatever, touching the character of members of the Order; and because, also, they believe it to be the duty of the committee to report upon the LAW *only* of each particular case; and because, further, they believe the precedent thus set by the adoption of said report is dangerous, and calculated to militate against the rights of subordinate bodies as well as individual members of the Order.

J. C. HEMINGRAY, of Kansas.
WILLIAM H. YOUNG, of Maryland.
J. M. MILLS, of Kentucky.
A. SHINKLE, of Kentucky.
H. K. WALKER, of Tennessee.

On motion of Rep. True, of Ohio, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are hereby tendered to the R. W. Grand Lodge and R. W. Grand Encampment of Maryland, for their attention and courtesies given to the members of this body during the present session.

Rep. Marley, of Maryland, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was unanimously adopted, the Grand Lodge being up standing:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as relates to the death of P. G. Rep. William Bayley, of Maryland, ask leave to report:

That they have given to the subject with which they were charged such consideration as their duties connected with the session of the Grand Lodge would admit, and respectfully submit the following as a fitting and proper embodiment of the sentiments and feelings of the

Grand Officers and Grand Representatives in Grand Lodge assembled, touching the melancholy event which has been referred to by the M. W. Grand Sire, and which has given rise to the appointment of this committee.

When, in the providence of God, inscrutable and unsearchable to mortal eyes, a good man is stricken down in the midst of his usefulness, and in the full career of active benevolence, while we may not murmur at the dispensation which deprives society of one of its brightest ornaments, and brings desolation and distress to the hearthstone of home, it is eminently proper that we pause for the moment, even in the midst of action and pressing public duties, to give expression to the thoughts which such an event is calculated to inspire, and to extend to those who have been called upon to suffer most keenly from the bereavement such sympathy as may be conveyed in language, feeble though it may be, and powerless to heal a wounded heart.

P. G. Rep. Bayley, in the month of October, 1858, whilst actively engaged in the duties of his profession, in the full enjoyment of health and of bright hopes of future happiness and usefulness among his brethren and friends, was suddenly stricken down by the hand of the destroyer, but, as we trust and believe, was called from labor to reward. Eleven months have not been sufficient entirely to remove the gloom which that melancholy event threw over the community in which he had for many years lived and labored in the great cause of human benefaction in every department of public and private benevolence, but especially as embodied in Odd-Fellowship; and the M. W. Grand Sire, in recalling that melancholy dispensation of Providence to our minds, has but given expression to sentiments which find a ready response in the heart of every member of this Grand Lodge, whose privilege it was to know and to love our deceased brother, for

"None knew him but to love him."

The numerous testimonials which the sudden demise of our beloved Bro. Bayley called forth from the various bodies with which he was associated, both in and out of the Order, sufficiently attest the high character he sustained, and the great public esteem his virtues and usefulness had secured.

The devoted attachment of his brothers, the members of Washington Lodge, No. 1, the parent of American Odd-Fellowship, have compiled these various testimonials in pamphlet form, (a copy of which has been distributed among the Representatives,) which will rescue them from the fate of mere temporary resolutions, and will hand down to the children of Odd-Fellows a record of his virtues worthy of their highest emulation.

The members of the Grand Lodge of the United States, recognising in these testimonials the full expression of their high appreciation of the character of the deceased, sincerely tender to the brotherhood in Maryland their cordial sympathy in the great loss they especially have sustained by the removal of one so eminently useful in the various departments of the charities of Odd-Fellowship—one whose life was

so true and beautiful an embodiment of the spirit and principles of our Order.

To the family of our deceased brother we can only tender, with other public bodies with which he was in his lifetime associated, our true and sincere condolence in their distress. No resolutions we may pass, however touchingly expressed; no uttered words nor written sentiments can heal the heart pierced by the sorrows which they have felt. This is the office of higher and holier agencies, and to them we commend them, trusting that in the midst of their affliction they may be sustained by that faith which prompted the Patriarch of old to say,

"He cannot come to me, but I shall go to him."

The committee respectfully recommend that a copy of this document be forwarded by the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary to the family of the deceased.

RICHARD MARLEY,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
JNO. T. CLEMENTS,
WILLIAM H. YOUNG,
F. A. ELLIS.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, moved to take up the resolution submitted by Rep. Fuller, of Grand Lodge of Lower Provinces of British North America, and now lying on the table, proposing to hold the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at Nashville, Tennessee.

Rep. I. Robinson, of Virginia, moved to lay the motion to take up the resolution on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, to take up the resolution of Rep. Fuller, of Lower Provinces of British North America—

Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered, which was put as follows: "Will the Lodge agree to take up for consideration the resolution of Rep. Fuller, of the Lower Provinces of British North America, that the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States be held at the city of Nashville?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question then being on the adoption of the resolution of Rep. Fuller, of Lower Provinces of British North America, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Barnum, of Oregon, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. Barnum, of Oregon, seconded by Rep. Kendall, of California, and Rep. Steere, of Rhode Island.

Amend article one, section seven, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States, by adding thereto, "But Subordinate Lodges or Encampments within two or more State or Territorial jurisdictions on the Pacific coast may be united under one District Lodge or Grand Encampment.

Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, moved that the Grand Lodge now adjourn *sine die*, which was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia, moved to take up for consideration the report of the Committee on the Diploma Form now lying on the table, which was agreed to.

The report being under consideration, Rep. Conley, of Georgia moved to indefinitely postpone the subject, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Whitaker, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge are eminently due and are hereby most cordially tendered to the M. W. G. Sire, Samuel Craighead, for the able, dignified, courteous, and impartial manner in which he has presided over our deliberations during the present session.

The business of the session being closed, the M. W. Grand Sire called upon the R. W. Grand Chaplain, who addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

Father of all our mercies, and God of all grace and consolation, the time having arrived when we must part until our next annual communication, we desire to return Thee our most hearty thanks that our deliberations have been concluded with that marked courtesy and kindness characteristic of our glorious principles. Whatever has transpired adverse to those principles, we pray Thee to forgive, and help each to forgive the other his trespasses. We fervently petition Thy providential care over us during our journey homeward. May we find our families and friends in the enjoyment of such blessings as Thou hast vouchsafed to them. May the proceedings of this session, now closing, tend to the furtherance and establishment of the principles of our beloved Order. And we pray that Thou wilt let Thy fatherly care and protection ever abide over us and our Order for good. And may the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth, Relief and Charity, ever be fresh and vigorous in our hearts. And may we all be saved through riches of grace, in Christ our Redeemer.—Amen!

Whereupon, on motion of Rep. Stewart, of Indiana, the Grand Lodge agreed to adjourn *sine die;* accordingly the R. W. D. Grand Sire, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, proclaimed the Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *C. and R. Secretary.*

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

OF THE

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

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R. W. Grand Marshal ISAAC M. TUCKER.....Newark, New Jersey
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R. W. Grand Messenger JNO. E. CHAMBERLAIN.Baltimore, Maryland.

REPRESENTATIVES.*

P. G. M. Adams, George W.....Savannah, Georgia.
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P. G. M. *Andrews, H. B*.....Galveston, Texas.
P. G. M. *Bailey, Horatio L*.....Columbus Mississippi.
P. G. M. *Bailey, Samuel H*.....St. Louis, Missouri.
P. G. Banbury, Thomas M.....Iowa City, Iowa.
P. G. M. Barnes, A. A.....Knoxville, Tennessee.
P. G. M. Barnum, E. M.....Salem, Oregon.
P. G. *Barron, Quartus H*.....Fox Lake, Wisconsin.
P. G. P. Barry, A. S.....Alton, Illinois.
P. G. Boylston, R. B.....Winsboro, S. Carolina.
P. G. P. *Bragg, Thomas F*.....New Orleans, Louisiana.
P. G. *Brown, Thomas*.....Rochester, N. Hampshire.
G. M. Burnham, E. P.....Saco, Maine.
P. G. Caldwell, R. A.....Salisbury, N. Carolina.
P. G. M. *Cassedy, Geo. W*.....Jersey City, New Jersey

*Those in *italics* are members of the next Grand Lodge.

P. G. *Choat, Daniel L.*.....Gorham, Maine.
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P. G. Clemmer, J. H.....Cincinnati, Ohio.
P. G. Conley, Benjamin.....Augusta, Georgia.
G. M. Cook, W. H.....Bellevue, Nebraska.
P. G. M. Crutcher, William.....Vicksburg, Mississippi.
P. G. Damon, George.....Tallahassee, Florida.
P. G. P. Didama, S. A.....Liberty, Wisconsin.
P. G. Dwinelle, John W.....Rochester, New York.
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P. G. *Ellis, Francis A.*.....Elkton, Maryland.
P. G. P. Escavaille, Joseph B.....Baltimore, Maryland.
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P. G. *Fuller, E. G.*.....Halifax, Nova Scotia.
G. Scribe Garrett, Wm.....Burlington, Iowa.
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P. G. M. *Harper, Martin B.*.....Mobile, Alabama.
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P. G. M. *Hoke, Wm. J.*.....Lincolton, N. Corolina.
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P. G. M. Robinson, Israel.....Martinsburg, Virginia.
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G. S. *Woodruff, Jr., W. E.*.....Little Rock, Arkansas.
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P. G. P. *Youlen, Aram*.....Roxbury, Massachusetts.
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P. G. Zimmerman, L. C.....Norristown, Pennsylv'a.

D. D. GRAND SIRES FOR THE YEAR 1859.

Vermont—P. G. Calvin Dart.....Bennington.
Arkansas—P. G. James A. Henry.....Little Rock.
New Mexico—P. G. John B. Grayson.....Santa Fe.
Lower Provinces—P. G. E. G. Fuller.....Halifax, Nova Scotia.
Oregon—P. G. E. M. Barnum.....Salem.
Florida—P. G. Asa B. Clark.....Tallahassee.
Kansas Territory—P. G. J. C. Hemingray..Leavenworth.
Minnesota—P. G. Orson J. Noble.....St. Paul.
Delaware—P. G. M. Henry Eckel.....Wilmington.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

Thomas Wildey	Baltimore, Maryland.
James Gettys*	Georgetown, D. C.
George Keyser†	Baltimore, Maryland.
Samuel H. Perkins	Philadelphia, Pa.
Zenas B. Glazier‡	Wilmington, Delaware.
John A. Kennedy	New York, New York.
Howell Hopkins§	Philadelphia, Pa.
Thomas Sherlock	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Horn R. Kneass	Philadelphia, Pa.
Robert H. Griffin‖	Savannah, Georgia.
William W. Moore	Washington, D. C.
Wilmot G. DeSaussure	Charleston, S. Carolina.
William Ellison	Boston, Massachusetts.
George W. Race	New Orleans.

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John Welch	Baltimore, Maryland.
Thomas Scotchburn	Baltimore, Maryland.
Robert Neilson	Baltimore, Maryland.
John Pearce	Philadelphia, Pa.
Frederick Leise	New York City, N. Y
William W. Moore	Washington, D. C.
Horn R. Kneass	Philadelphia, Pa.
William S. Stewart	St. Louis, Missouri.
Albert Case	Charleston, S. Carolina.
Newall A. Thompson	Boston, Massachusetts.
Asher S. Kellogg	Detroit, Michigan.
Herman L. Page	Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
Horace A. Manchester	Providence, R. Island.
George W. Race	New Orleans, Louisiana.
Timothy G. Senter	Portsmouth, N. H.
Edward H. Fitzhugh	Wheeling, Virginia.

*Died August 15, 1844.
†Died September 19, 1837.
‡Died November 11, 1858.
§Died July, 1858.
‖Died December 14, 1855.

Edw. N. Fitzhugh

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

Grand Lodge of the United States,

Held in the City of Nashville, Tennessee, September, 1860.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1860—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication, when, upon a call of the roll, the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, presiding.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. A. PAUL REPITON.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
ISAAC M. TUCKER.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
SOLOMON H. LEWYT.....W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....W. Grand Messenger.

And Representatives from twenty-three Grand Lodges and eighteen Grand Encampments, as follows:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. F. A. Ellis.....Maryland.
P. G. M. William Marble.....Massachusetts.
P. G. M. James B. Nicholson.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. John T. Clements.....District of Columbia.
P. G. M. William C. Earl.....Ohio.
P. G. M. J. M. Mills.....Kentucky.
P. G. M. Milton Herndon.....Indiana.
P. G. M. J. F. Schiefer.....Missouri.
P. G. M. Hiram K. Scott.....Connecticut.
P. G. H. K. Walker.....Tennessee.
P. G. M. William Thayer.....South Carolina.
P. G. M. John Hardy.....Alabama.
P. G. M. William J. Hoke.....North Carolina.
P. G. Thomas Brown.....New Hampshire.
P. G. M. W. Huntington Smith.....Michigan.
P. G. Quartus H. Barron.....Wisconsin.
P. G. M. Henry Clark.....Vermont.
P. G. M. B. B. Woodward.....Iowa.
P. G. Simri Smith.....Rhode Island.
P. G. Sec. Wm. H. H. Prall.....New York.
P. G. Orson J. Noble.....Minnesota.
P. G. E. G. Fuller.....Lower Prov. B. N. A.
P. G. Thomas Partridge.....Canada West.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. G. P. Richard Marley.....Maryland.
P. G. William P. Taylor.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. Sire John A. Kennedy.....Southern New York.
P. G. P. Benjamin C. True.....Ohio.
P. G. M. E. C. Robinson.....Virginia.
P. C. P. John H. Phillips.....New Jersey.
P. G. P. Aram Youlen.....Massachusetts.
P. G. M. Joseph Kidder.....New Hampshire.
P. G. H. P. William R. McLean.....District of Columbia.
P. G. P. Chris Miller.....Indiana.
P. G. M. E. D. Farnsworth.....Tennessee.
P. C. P. William A. Strong.....Mississippi.
P. G. P. Thomas F. Bragg.....Louisiana.
P. G. M. Martin B. Harper.....Alabama.
P. G. P. Thomas Steere.....Rhode Island.
P. G. David P. White.....Northern New Nork.
P. G. Horace G. Anderson.....Illinois.
P. G. M. Henry B. Andrews.....Texas.

A quorum being present, the Deputy Grand Sire, Edward H. Fitzhugh, addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

REPRESENTATIVES: It becomes my duty, officially, to announce to you that circumstances have transpired which prevent Grand Sire Craighead from attending this session of the Grand Lodge. His annual report has been forwarded to this place, and will shortly be laid before you for your consideration. It is doubtless a source of regret to all, that this Body will be deprived of the services of so able and so accomplished an officer. By the requirements of the Constitution the duty of filling his high place devolves upon me. I enter upon the discharge of its duties with much distrust in my ability to perform them to your satisfaction. In reviewing the history of this Grand Body as recorded in the journal of its proceedings, I find that every one of the distinguished men who have preceded me in this place, have been so deeply impressed with a sense of its responsibilities as to be constrained to call upon the Grand Lodge for its friendly aid and co-operation. I feel assured that there has never been a more formal appeal. The feelings of my own heart at the present moment bear witness to the sincerity with which it has been made. If I enter upon the discharge of the duties pertaining to this Chair with any degree of confidence at all, it is inspired by the hope that I shall receive not only your aid and friendly co-operation, but your indulgence in a larger measure than has been extended to my predecessors. They, with one or two exceptions, were honored by an elevation to the highest honor in your gift, and gathered assurance from the greatest testimonial of confidence you can confer upon your fellow-man. On the present occasion, for the second time in the last twenty-three years, this Body has been organized with a subordinate in the chair of its presiding officer. I shall endeavor to discharge every duty faithfully and impartially, without fear and without favor. If I fail in any degree, as doubtless I shall, I beg you to attribute it to an erring judgment and not to a perverse heart.

I congratulate you, my brethren, that the great Senate of Odd-Fellowship has met once more with unbroken ranks, the representatives of a united and prosperous brotherhood. I trust that nothing will occur to disturb the harmony of this session, and that under the smiles of an approving Providence your deliberations will result in advancing the common good of our Order, and in perpetuating its noble principles, so that it shall descend rich in blessings, a priceless inheritance to the latest posterity.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SIRE R. W. G. L. U. S.,
Dayton, Ohio, September 12, 1860.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

BROTHERS: I greatly regret that circumstances of a public and private nature compel me to forego the pleasure of meeting with you at the approaching session of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

I have consolation, however, in the knowledge that my absence will not in any manner interfere with your deliberations, as my place will be filled by one in every respect qualified to discharge its important duties.

Relying for excuse upon that indulgence which you have ever extended to me, and gratefully acknowledging my obligations to you and to the Order at large, I am

Faithfully and fraternally,

S. CRAIGHEAD, *Grand Sire.*

The Chair, with the sanction of the Grand Lodge, appointed P. G. M. Wm. Thayer, of South Carolina, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire *pro tem.*

The Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives, and declared them duly qualified: whereupon, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, he proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. A. Paul Repiton, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The Chair announced the following Committee on Credentials: Reps. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, Kidder, of New Hampshire, Mills, of Kentucky, True, of Ohio, Fuller, of Lower Provinces B. N. A.

On motion of Rep. Earl, of Ohio, the reading of the minutes of the last session was dispensed with, and they were approved as printed.

The M. W. Grand Sire submitted the following communication to the Grand Lodge:

NASHVILLE, September 17, 1860.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS: The undersigned committee, appointed by the Lodges and Encampments of this city, are instructed to transmit to your honorable body an invitation to join us in public procession this day at our Hall, and thence to proceed to the State Capitol, where an address will be delivered on behalf of our Order by P. G. Hancock, and also an address on behalf of the city, by his Honor Mayor Hollingsworth, when you will take formal possession of the beautiful Hall of the House of Representatives, which, by special resolution of that body, has been tendered for your use during your session. We hope you will see fit to accept this invitation and be prepared to join us at 11 o'clock as nearly as possible.

Yours, fraternally,

G. W. CUNNINGHAM,
W. W. THURMOND,
W. A. WHERRY,
A. A. HATCHER,
GEO. SEIFERLEE,
H. C. HENSLEY,
THOS. L. MARSHALL.

Rep. Israel Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolutions:

Resolved by the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., That, entertaining a high sense of the honor conferred by the House of Representatives of the State of Tennessee upon this Lodge by the resolution adopted at the last session of that body, granting the use of the magnificent Legislative Hall of the State for the holding of our present Annual Communication, we hereby return our sincere acknowledgments, as well to the Representatives in the General Assembly of

Tennessee, as to the Brethren of the Order in the city of Nashville, at whose instance this mark of respect for our beloved institution has been so courteously and so kindly manifested.

Resolved, That the invitation extended to the Lodge by the Committee of Arrangements of the Brotherhood in Nashville be most cordially accepted, and that the M. W. G. Sire now take the proper order to place the Lodge in procession, to accompany the Committee to the Hall of the House of Representatives, in conformity with their suggestions.

On motion of Rep. Strong, of Mississippi, the rule was suspended, and the resolution was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed, who shall draw for the seats to be occupied by the respective jurisdictions during the present session, after the manner heretofore adopted and pursued.

The Chair named the following as the committee: Reps. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, Bragg, of Louisiana, Schiefer, of Missouri.

On motion of Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, the Grand Lodge now took a recess for fifteen minutes.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess, when—

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, and the members were entitled to seats accordingly:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee appointed by this R. W. Grand Body to draw for seats, to be occupied by the respective jurisdictions during the present session, have performed their duty, with the following result:

Southern New York.....1, 2, 3
Delaware.....4, 5
Mississippi 6, 7, 8
Virginia.....9, 10, 11
Ohio.....12, 13, 14, 15
Indiana.....16, 17, 18, 19
Tennessee.....20, 21, 22
Canada West.....23
Connecticut.....24, 25, 26
Louisiana.....27, 28, 29
Wisconsin.....30, 31, 32
Georgia.....33, 34, 35
New Hampshire.....36, 37, 38
Vermont.....39
Missouri.....40, 41, 42
Pennsylvania.....43, 44, 45, 46
South Carolina.....47, 48, 49
Maine.....50, 51, 52
Illinois.....53, 54, 55, 56
Maryland 57, 58, 59, 60
Lower Provinces.....61
Michigan.....62, 63, 64
New Jersey. 65, 66, 67
Iowa.....68, 69, 70
Kentucky.....71, 72, 73
Kansas 74
Nebraska 75
Massachusetts 76, 77, 78
Texas.....79, 80, 81
California 82, 83, 84
Arkansas 85
Northern New York.....86, 87, 88
District of Columbia.....89, 90, 91
Rhode Island.....92, 93
Oregon.....94
Minnesota.....95
Florida.....96
Alabama.....97, 98, 99
North Carolina.....100, 101, 102

E. C. ROBINSON,
THOS. F. BRAGG,
J. F. SCHIEFER.

Rep. Mills, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report on the credentials of new members, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials find the following Brethren duly accredited as Representatives to this R. W. Grand Lodge:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. M. E. P. Hunt, (appointed vice C. R. Hughes, resigned)	Texas.
P. G. Oscar Farrish, (vice W. G. Webb, resigned)	
P. G. M. L. B. Hills	Wisconsin.
P. G. R. B. Boylston	South Carolina.
P. G. Philip Pond, (appointed vice S. P. Gorham, resigned)	Connecticut.
P. G. R. A. Caldwell	North Carolina.
P. G. Edgar Rodgers	Kansas.
P. G. W. L. Boydston	Nebraska.
P. G. M. F. D. Stuart	District of Columbia
P. G. George B. Roberts	Indiana.
P. G. Alexander McKinstry	Alabama.
P. G. M. Amos Shinkle	Kentucky.
P. G. Stith Richardson	Tennessee.
P. G. William N. Hall, (elected vice G. M. Garwood, resigned)	California.
P. G. D. W. Welty	
P. G. M. Robert A. Lamberton	Pennsylvania.
P. G. George D. Winchell	Ohio.
P. G. Joseph Richardson, jr.	Delaware.
G. M. William H. Young	Maryland.
P. G. M. W. Huntington Smith	Michigan.
P. G. M. Joseph L. Lamb	New Jersey.
P. G. Newell Blake	Maine.
P. G. John W. Dwinelle	Northern New York.
P. G. M. Theodore Froment	Southern New York.
P. G. M. John L. Milton	Mississippi.
P. G. M. Joseph B. Smart	New Hampshire.
P. G. M. B. W. Dennis	Michigan.
P. G. M. Thomas Hughes	Iowa.
P. G. William S. Davis	Arkansas.
P. G. George W. Adams	Georgia.
P. G. Seth S. Slater	Oregon.
P. G. M. James E. Starr, (appointed vice H. W. Griswold, resigned)	Illinois.
P. G. M. Isaac M. Veitch	Missouri.
P. G. E. C. Granniss, (appointed vice George Patten, resigned)	Georgia.

P. G. M. Edward P. Burnham, (elected vice Daniel L. Choate, removed from his State)..... Maine.
P. G. M. Samuel B. Krogman..... Massachusetts.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. G. P. J. B. Escavaille..... Maryland.
P. G. P. John W. Carlton..... Ohio.
P. G. P. Jonathan S. Harvey..... Indiana.
P. G. P. William B. Mason..... Kentucky.
P. G. P. William H. Clarke..... North Carolina.
P. G. P. John H. Phillips..... New Jersey.
P. G. P. Nicholas P. Iglehart..... Illinois.
P. G. P. B. S. Meriam..... Iowa.
P. G. P. C. W. Hunt..... Michigan.
P. G. P. B. Conley..... Georgia.
P. G. P. Samuel H. Harris..... Connecticut.
P. G. P. Israel Robinson..... Virginia.
P. G. P. P. Magee, jr..... Pennsylvania.
P. G P. Edward Mitchell..... South Carolina.
P. G. P. A. S. Iredale, (elected vice David Kendall, resigned)..... California.
P. G. P. C. C. Archer, (appointed vice S. H. Bailey, resigned)..... Missouri.
P. G. J. W. Charles Nutter, (seal pasted, but explanatory certificate accompanies the same.)..... Maine.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON
JOSEPH KIDDER,
BENJAMIN C. TRUE,
E. G. FULLER,
J. M. MILLS.

The M. W. Grand Sire now directed the Grand Marshal to take charge of the Lodge, in conformity with the resolution accepting the invitation of the Brethren of Nashville, and to form the Body in order of procession, according to the duties of his office.

Whereupon the Lodge, being formed into line by the Grand Marshal, proceeded in a body, in charge of that officer and under escort of the Committee of Arrangements and Brethren of Nashville, to the State Capitol, and, having reached the Hall of the House of Representatives, and being seated, P. G. P. A. Paul Repiton, R. W. Grand Chaplain, petitioned the Throne of Grace in prayer, when Bro. P. G E. D. Hancock, on behalf of the Order in Nashville, addressed the Lodge as follows:

Most Worthy Grand Sire and Brothers
of the Grand Lodge of the United States:

It was certainly very pleasant news to the members of our Order in Tennessee when they heard that at the last meeting of the Grand Lodge

of the United States it resolved to hold its next session in this city, and this news was especially gratifying to the Odd-Fellows of Nashville, in whose behalf I address and welcome you here.

Situated as we have heretofore been, remote from the places at which your Body has met, we have only been able to catch, as it were, second-handed, the impulse which your presence is calculated to inspire. But, notwithstanding this, you may be well assured that in Tennessee Odd-Fellowship has her hundreds of true-hearted, zealous, unwavering devotees.

Here she reared her altars but nineteen years ago—now she counts a membership of between two and three thousand; and under all the difficulties and adverse circumstances she has held her own; and not only that, she has made constant and rapid progress even under her greatest embarrassments. But, more than this; in the midst of her many trials, as well as in view of her highest success in Tennessee, she has ever maintained within her counsels the spirit of "Friendship, Love, and Truth."

I speak what I know when I say that in Tennessee Odd-Fellowship has not disappointed the expectations and hopes of those who have entered her lodge-rooms. They have gone there expecting to see the practical operation of high moral and social principles on others, and to feel the influence of these same principles upon themselves. She has fulfilled her professions and promises to them. In the lodge-room they have grasped the hand of true friendship, and met the expressions of fraternal sympathy and regard, knowing that these would never be withdrawn till voluntary dishonor had marked the conduct and sullied the character of the recipient of them. They have there heard the high purposes of our Order explained and seen them illustrated. They have there felt that all who heard and saw were of one mind. They have there realized that men may meet in harmony, and part in good will towards one another. They have there experienced the pleasure of forgetting selfish purposes, and acting with an eye single to noble ends. The truth is, that he who enters the pale of Odd-Fellowship in the spirit which her principles inculcate, must feel that she affords him a retreat hard to be elsewhere found. He may resort there for pure and useful pleasures as well as for substantial benefits. She offers to him, at least for a time, a resting place from the unpleasant pressure of external circumstances. She is to him as a tent in the wilderness to a weary traveler, where he stops to rest, is kindly received and fed on substantial bread, and quenches his thirst with the pure limpid water.

But this is not all. Odd-Fellowship in Tennessee has extended her benevolent hand outside the doors of her lodge-rooms. In her labors of love she has found the orphan and the widow, and the destitute and distressed brother. She has found them in the populous towns of our State, and made them to rejoice in her presence. She has gone to the lonely hut, away in the coves of our mountains, and there she has made the heart of the fond mother to leap for joy at the thought that Friendship, Love, and Truth have supplied and relieved her and her destitute little ones in their hour of want and distress.

Is there no such thing as disinterested friendship? He who thinks so, has never entered a lodge of Odd-Fellows.

The Odd-Fellows of Tennessee have seen and felt all these things, and they believe the principles of our Order are calculated to make men more social than they would otherwise be, and more humane than they would otherwise be; and believing this, they are likely to become more and more so themselves, as they grow older in her cause: and although I speak in behalf of the Order in Nashville, yet not being a citizen of Nashville myself, but of a neighboring town, I may be permitted to say that in no part of Tennessee do Odd-Fellows entertain this sentiment more heartily or act upon it more zealously than those of the city of Nashville. You may know, then, that while you are here and are their guests, you are among a band of brothers. They feel to you as brothers, and they extend to you a brother's welcome. They hail you as Odd-Fellows, and tender to you a generous hospitality and all the kindly offices of true friendship.

The meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States is always an interesting occasion to those immediately connected with it, and an important event to the entire Order under its jurisdiction and control.

As representatives and members of the Grand Lodge you have come here from all parts of our wide-spread Republic. Some are here from the Atlantic seaboard, some from the Pacific coast, some from the sunny South, some from the populous States of the North, and some are here from the Lower Provinces of Canada. Odd-Fellowship has extended her peaceful conquests, and unfurled her banner of love over the whole length and breadth of this vast region of country, and has taken under her wing thousands and thousands of true-hearted, generous hearted, noble hearted sons. How glorious have been her achievements from beginnings so small, and how much more glorious are the bright prospects that beckon her onward! Much of her success, however, is attributable to the wisdom and forecast at all times heretofore manifested by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

You have come here, as I have already remarked, from various parts of a very large extent of country, and you have come representing an entire and a numerous organization, distinguished for its practical, its effective benevolence. You are the members of the highest legislative body known to that organization: you have come endorsed and commissioned by the Grand Lodges of the various States, Territories, and Provinces from which you respectively hail; and you have come to legislate for the promotion of Odd-Fellowship. Such are the high positions you hold. Standing in that position, you represent the spirit of benevolence, so far as Odd-Fellowship controls and directs it, that pervades an enlightened population of between thirty and forty millions. In you the moral and social influence of Odd-Fellowship is embodied—is centralized—and from you that influence will radiate to all parts of the compass, reacting on our entire Brotherhood, and on the people with whom they mingle with increased and accelerated force. You therefore occupy a responsible as well as a high position. That you

will meet your responsibilities with honor to yourselves, and that your deliberations will be characterized by a spirit of brotherly love and a zeal for the advancement of Odd-Fellowsphip, no one will doubt.

Coming on such a mission as you do to our State, who would not welcome you? The ladies are here—the ladies, who have always been friends to Odd-Fellows—they are here with smiling faces to cheer you on in your noble cause. The Odd-Fellows of Nashville especially hail you as brothers, and welcome you to this city—to their firesides and to their hospitality—and if the feelings of every Odd-Fellow in Tennessee and of every citizen were spoken to you, it would be, welcome within the borders of our State—welcome within the very walls of our Capitol.

At the conclusion of the address of P. G. Hancock, Bro. S. N. Hollingsworth, Mayor of the city of Nashville, on behalf of that city, welcomed the Grand Lodge to Nashville, and cordially tendered the hospitality of the city to the members of the Grand Lodge.

Deputy Grand Sire, Edw. H. Fitzhugh, acting Grand Sire, responded as follows:

Mr. Mayor and Brethren: On behalf of the Grand Lodge of the United States, whose organ I have the honor to be, I thank you for the cordial and flattering welcome you have extended to us.

As the chief legislative head of the Order, we have long known Tennessee through the able and distinguished men she has sent from time to time to participate in our deliberations and to aid us with the wisdom of their councils. We have known her, too, as the devoted champion of the great cause in which we are engaged, and as a true and loyal constituent of this Body. As citizens of a common country we have known her through the great men, to whom such eloquent allusion has been made, whose names are imperishably connected with many a bright page in our country's history; men whom the people delighted to honor when living, and whose memories they revere when dead. In these respects I am proud to say we have known Tennessee long and known her well. But it has been reserved for this auspicious day to bring us together for the first time, face to face, and afford us the gratification and pleasure of interchanging friendly courtesies and fraternal greetings beneath the roof of your own noble Capitol.

When we left our homes we anticipated a kind and fraternal reception by our brethren of Nashville. The open-handed hospitality for which Tennessee is distinguished gave us a right to look for that; but we were unprepared for this great honor, for this imposing demonstration, this vast assembly, this array of beauty, this more than cordial manifestation of Southern hospitality—enhanced as it has been by the flattering terms and graceful eloquence with which you have tendered to us the hospitalities of your City and State.

The great Senate of Odd-Fellowship meets for the first time in your beautiful city, in annual session, to consult about the general welfare of the Order, and to devise measures calculated to promote the great cause

of humanity in which we are engaged. Under any circumstances, such a meeting, as you, my brother, have well observed, abounds with interest to the Odd-Fellow. The result of our deliberations is to affect, for weal or woe, an institution very dear to his heart. From the circumstances which now surround us, and which give such peculiar interest to the present session, I am gratified to find that such a body, engaged in such a cause, enlists the sympathy of others than those within the pale of our own fraternity. Why should it not be so? When in a past age a noble Englishman, with a heart full of love for his fellow man, left the luxuries and blandishments of his home and went abroad to fathom the depths of human misery and wretchedness, history recorded the act, and the world read and admired. It might well look forward to a brighter and better day when genius did homage to humanity, and with splendid eloquence made her deeds immortal. But to-day we see portions of a jurisdiction itself an empire gathered in the Capitol of their own State to welcome men from distant homes; from the fields of Canada—from the sunny South—from the mountain and the prairie—from the shores of the Atlantic and the placid waters of the Pacific—the representatives of the greatest charity the world ever saw—who meet to deliberate on measures which are to guide a constituency of multiplied thousands, trained and organized in the same sacred cause. Nations are represented here. The Stars and Stripes and the Cross of St. George grace this triumph of peace. And I may mention with patriotic pride that there is not a star that glitters in our own meteor flag that does not find a representative in yonder ranks. I know my brethren that you will unite with me in the aspiration that not one star will ever be blotted out from its azure field—but as often as recurring seasons shall bring around our annual sessions, the ranks of the representatives of the Order will stand full, complete, and unbroken as you now see them.

No other land or age has ever presented such a spectacle—it is one of the peculiarities of our own land and our own age, too important to be overlooked or lightly regarded. It ought, and I am proud to believe it does, excite the interest of the patriot, the statesman, and the philanthropist. Particularly should it enlist woman's deepest sympathies—her heart is ever alive with tender sensibility to the feeblest cry of distress, and she is ever the first to honor those who hasten to its relief and give to the burdened and sorrowing heart the luxury of gratitude.

We keep studiously aloof, as you my brethren well know, from all political and religious organizations—we interfere with no man's political or religious opinions—we seek, within the well defined limits of our Constitution, to unite all men of every nation and kindred and tongue under the whole heavens in one common brotherhood. And as an evidence of the success which has attended this vast undertaking, I may remark that although the standard of our Order has been reared in our land at a period so recent that he into whose honored hands it was first entrusted still lives—the venerated patriarch of our Order—

full of years and full of honors, and now graces us with his presence —yet that standard now floats in glorious triumph over nearly a quarter of a million of true hearted and devoted followers—a success unparalleled in the history of benevolent enterprise. But these topics are so suggestive that I fear I shall be betrayed into a line of remark inappropriate perhaps on an occasion like this.

My brethren, if there is a shadow of regret in the heart of a single Odd-Fellow in this presence—if there is a cloud which obscures for a moment the brightness of this auspicious hour, it is attributable to the fact that he into whose hands the standard of the Order was last entrusted is not with us to preside over our deliberations and participate in the pleasing ceremonies of this day.

Permit me on behalf of the venerable father of our Order, on behalf of those distinguished members of our body who have gathered the highest honors we can confer, on behalf of every member of this body, to thank you for the cordiality of your welcome to your City and your State—more, sir, to your hearts and your homes.

When we return to our homes and mingle there with those who sent us here, we will report to them your words of welcome; we will tell them of these imposing ceremonies—of this array of beauty which honors us with its presence and cheers us with its smiles—jewels brighter and purer far than those to which the Roman mother so proudly pointed. We shall tell them too of the warm-hearted kindness with which you, my brethren, opened your arms to welcome the representatives of the Order, and under the inspiration of such a theme they too will rise to return you thanks as for a kindness to themselves, since it is rendered to the persons of those they sent to represent them here.

I avail myself of this occasion to return our grateful acknowledgments to the Legislature of Tennessee for their great kindness in appropriating an apartment in the Capitol to our use, and to the public authorities for supplying us with every comfort and convenience we require. We are deeply sensible not only of their great kindness, but of the distinguished honor they have conferred upon us.

I trust that this noble State and your beautiful City will ever continue to grow in all the elements which make nations and cities great and prosperous, and that the homes of your people will ever be the abodes of contentment, happiness, and peace.

The ceremony of reception being closed, the R. W. Grand Chaplain pronounced a benediction, when the audience retired.

The M. W. Grand Sire having resumed the Chair—

Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the members of the Order who have attained the proper rank may be admitted within the Grand Lodge during its deliberations, when vouched for and introduced to the Grand Guardian by the Representatives respectively from the State jurisdiction to which the visitor may belong.

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolution:

Resolved That two copies of the daily Journal be printed and furnished to each of the Grand Representatives, daily, and that ten copies of the revised Journal be furnished each member after the adjournment for distribution.

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge meet daily at 9 o'clock A. M., take recess at 12 M. until 2½ o'clock P. M., and meet at 2½ P. M. and adjourn at 4½ P. M., and on and after Wednesday meet again at 7½ P. M.

Rep. Granniss, of Georgia, moved to amend by striking out the words *twelve* and inserting *twelve and a half*, and striking out the word *two and a half* and inserting *three*.

The question being on the amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved further to amend by striking out the words "and adjourn at half past four P. M.," which was agreed to.

Rep. Mills, of Kentucky, moved further to amend by inserting the words "and adjourn at 5 o'clock P. M.," which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurred on the resolution of Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, as amended, and it was adopted.

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all propositions offered for reference to the Standing Committees at the present session be submitted in duplicate; and that, if in writing, they shall be on paper not less in size than half a page of foolscap.

The hour fixed for adjournment having arrived, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order adopted at the morning session, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, Edward H. Fitzhugh, acting Grand Sire, presiding. All the Grand Officers and a quorum of jurisdictions present.

The Annual Report of the M. W. Grand Sire was presented and read as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES: Our re-union upon this interesting occasion, in this beautiful city of the South, in the enjoyment of the blessings of health and prosperity, should inspire our hearts with a devout sense of obligation to the Great Dispenser of Good, who so abundantly blesses us in all the relations of life. We have enjoyed for

another year the bounties and mercies of His providence, not only as individuals and as brethren of the great fraternity whose interests we are now assembled to supervise, and whose future prosperity it is our united and ardent wish to promote, but as citizens and members of the several political communities embraced in our jurisdiction, whose fields have teemed with abundance and whose granaries are now being filled with plenty. The holding of this session of the Grand Lodge in the city of Nashville must prove an occasion of unusual interest, tending, as it will, greatly to enlarge the acquaintance of the Brotherhood from all sections of our wide-spread jurisdiction, to cement more firmly our social compact, to strengthen the bonds which bind us together, and to enlarge the knowledge of all who may assemble with us as to the extent, interests, and resources of our common country.

During the past year our people have very generally been vouchsafed the great blessing of health. I am most happy to announce to you that I have not had information of the death of any member of this Grand Body during the past year. I can scarcely believe that amongst so large a body of men, residing in homes so far separated, death should have refrained so long from claiming a single victim; and if any brother has paid that last final debt which we all alike owe to nature, and which the principles of our Order teach us we should at all times be in readiness to pay, I can only say that the omission of the customary tribute to the memory of such an one is because no such information has reached me.

I regret to announce that I have not received any reports from the District Deputy Grand Sires, and am therefore unable to speak officially in regard to the condition of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; but from unofficial information I have reason to believe their prosperity continues unabated.

On the 6th of December, 1859, I forwarded the appointment of District Deputy Grand Sire to Bro. John K. Hall, of Olympia Lodge, No. 1, Washington Territory. A correspondence has been established between it and the Odd-Fellows of the Oregon jurisdiction which, I doubt not, will be productive of the most agreeable and beneficial results. It has always afforded me pleasure to receive intelligence from the more remote and isolated jurisdictions of the Order, and to reflect upon the advantages enjoyed in the practice of the work and principles of Odd-Fellowship by those who have become its pioneers in new communities.

I am happy to be able to report that, so far as I have learned upon diligent inquiry, the Order is generally prosperous. Founded as it is in the best impulses of human nature, it can only decline with the decadence of the race. The past year of its existence has exhibited a steady and healthful, although not rapid increase in members, resources, and influence. The benign results which must always follow the faithful observance and practice of the precepts and principles of Odd-Fellowship cannot fail, in every intelligent and virtuous community,

to obtain for it popular sympathy and support. Whilst we should not arrogate an influence superior to every other organization, we have a right to claim, that, as an association springing out of the principles of Christian civilization, Odd-Fellowship is entitled to a high rank amongst the instrumentalities now in operation throughout the world, not only to relieve the calamities and distresses incident to human life, but to promote the elevation and happiness of mankind. So long as we remain faithful to its principles, and so long as that fidelity is preserved by those who succeed us, so long, it is my confident hope and belief, will that healthful prosperity continue which it is now my agreeable duty and privilege to report.

It is a fact worthy of special notice that amidst the convulsions and distractions which at times disturb our political systems, and that while other organizations have been rent asunder, and still greater disasters, in the apprehensions of many, are looming up in the future, the integrity of our Order remains unimpaired and unthreatened—a fact which at once displays a continued fidelity to its high mission, and the extent and solidity of the foundations upon which it is based.

It is gratifying to be able to announce that in most of the State jurisdictions the anniversary of the introduction of Odd-Fellowship into the United States, was observed and celebrated on the 26th of April last, though it was not so generally observed as in the year 1859. The beneficial results of the celebration of this anniversary have been so clearly manifested that I cannot but urge upon the Order that its annual recurrence should receive the recognition and attention it so much merits. An occasion so dear to the membership, and so pleasant and profitable to the Order at large, deserves to be commemorated by every Lodge, and by every Odd-Fellow in the land.

No applications have been made since last session for warrants for Grand or Subordinate Lodges or Encampments. A duplicate charter has been issued to Frontier Lodge, No. 3, at Nebraska City, Nebraska Territory, the original having been destroyed by fire.

In the discharge of the duties imposed upon me by the Constitution, as the executive of the Order, I have been called upon during the past year to render a number of decisions upon matters of practice and construction of law, arising within our jurisdiction. These decisions I here present for your consideration, as follows:

First. In December, 1859, an application was made to me for the restoration of the charter of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, in the Territory of New Mexico, its charter having been surrendered on the 10th of February previous. A petition was presented to the Grand Lodge at its late session, by the same parties who made this application, praying for a charter for a Lodge to be located at Sante Fe, in the Territory of New Mexico, to be known as Paradise Lodge, No. 1, (see Journal for 1859, page 3104,) upon which petition a favorable report was made. Afterwards (see page 3123) the report was recommitted with instructions to change the name and number of the Lodge; and the committee, in accordance with these instructions, reported, (see page 3129.)

changing the number of the Lodge to No. 3. This action of the Grand Lodge, through inadvertence no doubt, was erroneous, being in contravention of the law of 1828, found on page 93 of the Journals, which provides that "when any Lodge returns its charter to the Grand Lodge which granted it, or any Lodge loses it by suspension or expulsion, the name or number of said Lodge shall not be granted to any other Lodge, the privilege alone being granted to a sufficient number of its original members." It is also provided by the law of 1828 that in a case similar to the one under consideration the proper course to be pursued is to forward an application for the restoration of the charter. This was accordingly done by the petitioners, irrespective of the proceedings adverted to. As the application reached me in vacation, the only additional question that presented itself was as to my constitutional power to *restore* a charter, in vacation, under the clause which confers upon the Grand Sire power to *grant* charters, upon proper application, during the recess. Under the familiar and admitted rule of construction that the grant of the greater power includes the grant of the lesser, I entertained no doubt of my power to act in the premises, and therefore directed the charter to be duly forwarded to the petitioners.

Second. The following question was submitted to me for decision by the Grand Patriarch of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Maryland, to wit: "When an Encampment is first regularly opened in the evening for the transaction of business, can *a member* enter or leave the room at any time during the evening, before the Encampment is finally closed, without the usual ceremonies laid down in the Encampment work?"

My reply was, "that without a knowledge of the facts and circumstances out of which the question has arisen, (which might shed some light upon the subject.) I hold that after an Encampment has been regularly opened, members—except the Junior Warden and the candidate for initiation—cannot enter or leave the room before the Encampment is closed without observing the usual formalities."

Third. The following question was submitted by a Past Grand Representative of Nashua, New Hampshire, to wit: "Whether it would violate any law of the Order if the several Lodges in the city of Nashua should ballot by their own members in the Degree Lodge, when open in the degree for which they wish to ballot, and such be had by vote of each respective Lodge when open in the initiatory degree, and the officers of the Lodge so balloting to be present, and make record of the same, would it not be a regular meeting for degree work for them?"

I responded as follows: "Where the degrees are conferred by a regular Degree Lodge, separate from the Subordinates, the application of the brother desiring the degree must be acted upon in his Subordinate Lodge by such members only as have taken the degree applied for. If the application is granted a certificate of the fact is given to the applicant, which certificate being presented to the Degree Lodge, authorizes it to confer the degree."

Fourth. My opinion was requested by the Most Worthy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois upon the legality of the following resolution, passed by the Grand Lodge of the State, at its late session, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That it is legal to ballot upon the application to have the Rebekah degree conferred upon brothers' wives when objections are made."

I gave my opinion as follows: "It is true that the instructions issued by the Most Worthy Grand Sire, soon after the adoption of the degree, say that it is the privilege of the wife of every scarlet degree member in good standing to receive said degree upon application therefor to the Subordinate Lodge; but the fact that application must be made to the Subordinate Lodge implies that such Lodge must have some control over the matter; and then there may such questions arise as to the standing of the scarlet degree member, and *possibly* as to the standing of his wife for whom he applied, as would, upon objection being made, render a ballot of the Lodge both legal and proper. The resolution therefore is, in my judgment, legal,"

Fifth. The Scribe of Chipola Encampment, No. 3, at Mariana, Florida, was instructed by that body to inquire "whether there is any law or custom of the Order forbidding the holding of Encampment meetings but once a month, instead of once in two weeks, or weekly? or whether it is left discretionary with the Encampment?"

I answered that "Subordinate Encampments may, with the consent of their Grand Encampments, (and where there is no Grand Encampment, then with the consent of the Grand Lodge of the United States,) hold but one meeting per month instead of two; but if the number of meetings be thus reduced, the official term of the officers should be extended to twelve months, as provided by law. (See Digest, page 370.)

Sixth. The following inquiry was submitted by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, to wit: "Has the Grand Patriarch the power and right to grant the petition of a Subordinate to remove from one town or city to another?"

My answer was as follows: "It has been determined by the Grand Lodge of the United States that the location of a Subordinate Lodge cannot be changed without the consent of the Grand Lodge, (see Digest, page 294) and for the reasons that induced that decision, I now hold that it is not within the power of a Grand Patriarch to authorize the removal of a Subordinate Encampment from one town or city to another. That power belongs to the State Grand Body."

Seventh. A letter was addressed to me by the Grand Representative of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, involving the question as to the binding authority of the eight questions propounded to the Chief Patriarch at installations.

In answer thereto, I held that those questions, together with the answers, impose obligations which cannot be rejected nor violated with impunity.

Eighth. The following questions were submitted for decision by the D. D. Grand Sire of Delaware, to wit:

1st. "Is it competent for a Subordinate Encampment, or Lodge, to insert in its Constitution a provision that a member who may draw a final card shall have the privilege of depositing the same in said Lodge within a *specified time*, by a simple vote of the Lodge, instead of a ballot vote, as in the case of initiating members?"

2d. "If it has not such power, can it summarily eject a member whom it has thus admitted while under the presumption that such constitutional clause was legal?"

I answered the first inquiry in the negative. The laws of the Order clearly provide *the way* in which a person may regain membership upon card, and a Lodge granting a final card has no more power to depart from that *way* when the person holding that card seeks to reunite with said Lodge than upon the application of a stranger.

I answered the second inquiry as follows: "It is my opinion that membership obtained under the law as set forth in the first question, is invalid; yet, as it was an error more of the Encampment than of such member, that body should not rudely, summarily, or forcibly "eject" him. In such case the party should be duly notified of the error, and his card returned to him, so as to place him in the position he occupied before depositing his card."

Ninth. In a letter from the M. W. Grand Patriarch and the R. W. Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, the question was propounded whether the Grend Encampment of that State could by authority of a dispensation from the Grand Sire, by unanimous resolution, adjourn that body to a place other than that provided by its Constitution?

I replied that "the Grand Sire cannot, in my judgment, by dispensation or otherwise, authorize a Grand Body to do any thing in violation of its organic law." As the exigency of this particular case may be very urgent and peculiar, some relief may be applied for during your present session.

Several other questions in addition to those decided as above, have been presented to me, but I have referred them to the local authorities, to whom their consideration and decision belonged.

Our financial condition will be found to have improved slightly during the past year. This improvement, in my judgment, affords no well-grounded hope that the present mode of raising revenue will permanently answer the purposes of this body. Indeed I am advised that it is attributable more to a slight—perhaps an accidental—diminution of expenditures than to increase of revenue. This state of things cannot with safety or propriety be continued. The interest and dignity of this Grand Lodge require that some change should be made that will relieve it from the necessity of borrowing from year to year. But my views upon this subject are fully set forth in my last annual report; they remain unchanged, and need not be re-stated here. Attention has

been frequently called to this important subject heretofore, and I beg again to say that the wisdom of this body should be at once addressed to its satisfactory and permanent adjustment. In this connection, I would respectfully refer you, for a complete statement of the condition of the finances of the Order, to the annual reports of the R. W. Grand Secretary and the R. W. Grand Treasurer.

And now, Officers and Representatives, in view of the end of my official term, it only remains for me to add a few parting words. Elevated to this high position rather by your kind partiality and favor than on account of any merit of mine, I entered upon the discharge of its responsibilities with an unfeigned distrust in my own ability, but with a feeling of reliance upon the assistance and indulgence of this Grand Body, which it gives me great pleasure to say has in no single instance been disappointed. I would do violence to the best feelings of my heart, were I to refrain, upon this occasion, from the expression of my sincere thanks for the uniform courtesy and kindness which have been extended to me in my official and personal intercourse with the officers and members of this Grand Lodge. Frequently in the discharge of my official duties I have appealed for counsel to the maturer judgment and more accurate knowledge of distinguished members of the Order, and it gives me pleasure to acknowledge here the cheerfulness and promptitude with which all such appeals have been responded to. My ambition has been to discharge the duties of this high place impartially and in accordance with the Constitution and the laws. The result I now trustingly submit to your judgment and to the judgment of those you represent. The feeling of sadness inspired by the termination of the relation I have borne to this Grand Lodge is relieved by the pleasant and grateful memories that are indissolubly linked with it. These memories shall abide with me forever. I shall in the future look back with pride and pleasure to my connection with the Grand Lodge of the United States, and cherish the remembrance of all with whom I have acted here in carrying out those principles to which we are devoted, and which have their origin in the noblest sentiments of the human heart. May those principles continue to guide your conduct and the conduct of those who in the providence of God are to succeed you in the great cause now in your hands! May the institution of Odd-Fellowship, now majestic in its proportions as it is beneficent in its influences, continue to teach its principles and dispense its blessings "to the latest syllable of recorded time!"

S. CRAIGHEAD, *Grand Sire.*

On motion of Rep. Dwinnelle, of Northern New York, the report was referred to a special committee for the purpose of distributing the subjects therein to appropriate committees.

The chair named Reps. Clarke, of Vermont; Hughes, of Iowa, and Boydston, of Nebraska, as the committee.

The Grand Secretary submitted his annual report, which was read as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, very respectfully asks leave to present the annual report of his office. The following resolutions recapitulate the duties enjoined upon him during the recess:

1. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to present one copy of the bound Journals and Digest of the Laws and Proceedings of the Grand Lodge to each Grand Representative who has not previously received one from the Grand Lodge.

2. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be requested to transmit a copy of the proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, touching the death of P. G. Representative Amos Mathews, of Iowa, to the family of the deceased, and also to Harmony Lodge No. 2, of Iowa, with the seal of the Grand Lodge affixed, on the adjournment of this Grand Body.

3 *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to receive from the Grand Encampment of North Carolina, in settlement of its present indebtedness to this Order, one hundred dollars in cash, and a note or notes for the remaining one hundred and seventy-six dollars, on such terms as may be approved by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

4. *Resolved*, That, in testimony of our respect for the memory of P. G. Rep. Charles W. Whitall, late of Louisiana, deceased, that a copy of the proceedings on his death be transmitted to the family of the deceased and to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Louisiana.

5. *Resolved*, That while we are called upon to mourn the providence of God in removing from earth by death P. G. Rep. Matthew Purdin, we would extend to the relatives and friends of the deceased the tenderest sympathy; and that, in testimony of the same, these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of this Body and a copy of the same be sent to the family of deceased and to the Grand Lodge of which he was a member.

6. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Ohio expressions of our sympathy in the bereavement sustained in the death of P. G. Rep. William G. Williams, and also to the family of the deceased, conveying our condolence to them in their irreparable loss.

7. *Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, at the opening of every annual communication of this R. W. Grand Lodge, to place in the hands of the Grand Sire a written statement showing the name or names of any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment which may be indebted to this Grand Lodge, with the amount of said indebtedness, which statement shall be placed by the Grand Sire in the hands of the Committee on Credentials, immediately upon the appointment of said committee, so that the said committee may be able to make their report in conformity to the eleventh article of the by-laws of this Grand Lodge.

8. *Resolvvd*, That the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge be instructed to notify the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Victoria that the Grand Lodge of the United States cannot act definitely on the application made until indubitable evidence of the identity of the work of the Order in Victoria with that used in this jurisdiction has been produced, or until this Grand Lodge shall be justified in commissioning a qualified brother to proceed to Australia and ascertain the actual condition of the Order there, and, if found favorable, that he be fully authorized to institute the Order in Australia as an independent jurisdiction, subject only to the limitations and conditions heretofore required in the establishment of the Grand Lodge of British North America.

9. *Resolved*, That all State Grand Officers and officers of all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments are prohibited from signing any diploma, certificate, or card, not issued by the authority of this R. W. Grand Body, to brothers of the Order, and properly authenticated by the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary, written or engraved on the margin thereof.

10. *Resolved*, That all diplomas, certificates, or cards not issued by the authority of this R. W. Grand Body, which have been signed by any officer of a Grand or Subordinate Body, are of no force or effect, and the same are null and void.

11. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary be requested to forward a copy of the foregoing resolutions to all State Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs, immediately on the adjournment of this Grand Lodge, directing them to promulgate to their respective Subordinates the action of this Grand Lodge in relation to signing diplomas, &c.

12. *Resolved*, That in future the Grand Secretary be directed to advertise for proposals for printing the daily Journal, as now directed by the 28th By-Law for the revised Journal; and that said proposals be required to be handed in at least one week previous to the session of this Grand Lodge, and the same be opened by the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary, who shall award the contract to the lowest bidder.

13. Four weeks previous to the holding of any session of this Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, through one daily paper of each of the cities of Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York, to invite proposals for the printing of the Journal of this Body, the printer to furnish the necessary paper, and to stitch and cover the Journal, ready for distribution—the printing to be done according to the style of the Revised Journal, and the matter to be stereotyped and the plates to be delivered to the Grand Secretary, in good order, as the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as a sufficient number of copies are struck off to meet the purposes of the law requiring the distribution of the proceedings, which number the Grand Secretary must state, as near as practicable, in the advertisement. And such proposals for the said work as may be received shall be filed away by the Grand Secretary, with their seals unbroken, until twelve o'clock noon of the first day of the session therein designated, after which time no more proposals shall be received, and such as shall have been received shall be placed in the hands of the Committee on Printing, to be by them opened, examined, and decided upon.

The first resolution has not been complied with, for the reason that no copies of the work referred to were on hand, the edition of the three first volumes of the Journal having, as was stated in my last annual report, been exhausted. The fourth volume of the Journal and the Digest of Laws was, however, delivered to such of the Representatives, who had not previously received them, as desired to have them. In connexion with this subject, the Corresponding Secretary would again suggest the imperative necessity for some provision in relation to the re-publication of the matter comprising the first, second and third volumes of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States. At the last session the subject was brought to the notice of the Grand Representatives, and a plan was recommended by which volumes one, two and three could be appropriately compressed into two volumes, by excluding the Digest from volume three, which now forms nearly one-half of that work, and re-publishing the Digest in a separate and independent book; the present fourth, would then become the third volume; a new volume, which would be the fourth, could also be formed of the proceedings from 1855 to 1860 inclusive, and an index to that work be superadded to a new edition of the Digest. This suggestion was approved by the Committee on Printing, but failed for want of the pecuniary ability of the Grand Lodge to meet the expense incident to the publication. Since the last session the edition of the Digest has also become exhausted,

which will serve very much to increase the embarrassment of the Grand Lodge for want of proper facilities of reference to the previous legislation of the Body. At the present session there will be but two complete sets of the entire Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States available for use, and about one dozen copies of the Digest Under these circumstances it is worthy the deliberation of the Grand Lodge whether some means should not be devised for preserving this valuable work, and keeping up the legislative history and progress of the Order in a permanent, enduring, and accessible form. Should the financial condition of the Grand Lodge still interpose an insurmountable obstacle to the accomplishment of this measure, it is suggested very respectfully that the subject be submitted to the competition of private enterprise, with the privilege of the use of the stereotype plates, upon such terms as might be deemed advantageous. It is indispensably necessary that the work should be republished, and the continuous legislation of the Body be preserved in some more enduring form than the pamphlet edition known as the revised Journal.

The second resolution has been complied with.

The third resolution has been carried into effect: the Grand Encampment of North Carolina having paid the sum of one hundred dollars, and executed its note to the Grand Lodge of the United States for one hundred and seventy-six dollars, with interest. That Grand Body is now in regular compliance, and has made the first annual report for three years past.

The duty enjoined by the fourth, fifth, and sixth resolutions has been performed.

In obedience to the seventh resolution, herewith is submitted a statement showing the names of such Grand Bodies as are indebted to the Grand Lodge of the United States, with the amount of such indebtedness.

In conformity to the eighth resolution the Corresponding Secretary transmitted to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, at Melbourne, Australia, a copy of the report of the special committee to whom was referred the subject of the application of that Grand Lodge for affiliation and fellowship with the Grand Lodge of the United States, with the accompanying resolution, soon after the adjournment of the last session, to which communication I regret to say that no reply has as yet been had.

I have received, however, during the year, a letter from William E. Valentine, Grand Secretary, dated Melbourne, 16th January, 1860, of the following tenor: "Enclosed I beg to hand you a copy of the Grand Master's report for the last year. By it you will perceive that there were six lodges, numbering two hundred and fifty-four members, with a fund of £123: 12.5., or $6,153. Since then another Lodge, named the Philanthropic, has been started at Williamstown, and already numbers thirty members, with a fund of £161: 4.6. I feel sanguine that, as soon as we receive an answer from the Grand Lodge of the United States,

our beloved Order will greatly increase, and that the next report sent to you will show how much we appreciate Odd-Fellowship even *here*. The Duke of York and Fitzroy Lodges are nightly receiving fresh members, and I know of many who will join the American Order, as it is here termed." Accompanying this communication was transmitted a very interesting paper from the Grand Master, William Barber, in which the detailed condition of the Order in that country is fully shown. It is believed that no satisfactory disposition can be made of the subject, except through a specially deputed agent, as was suggested at the last session by the committee to whom the subject was referred. In this connexion, I am glad to say that, should the Grand Lodge of the United States deem the subject of sufficient importance to authorize the appointment of such agent, a distinguished brother of the jurisdiction of Minnesota, (J. C. Terry,) formerly a Grand Representative and now Grand Secretary of that jurisdiction, has intimated his willingness to perform such service free of expense to the Grand Lodge of the United States. Herewith is submitted his views on the subject.

On the 29th September, 1859, a circular was issued from the office of the Corresponding Secretary, embracing the ninth, tenth, and eleventh resolutions, and immediately dispatched by mail throughout the jurisdiction. A strict obedience, it is believed, has been yielded to the injunctions of the law—at least no infraction of it has come to the knowledge of the undersigned.

The publication required by the twelfth and thirteenth resolutions has been made, and the several proposals received are herewith submitted under seal.

The provision in the twelfth resolution, that the proposals for printing the Daily Journal be opened by the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary, who shall award the contract to the lowest bidder, cannot be carried into effect for the reason that the Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire are not usually at the seat of the Grand Lodge of the United States earlier than the first day of the session, when it would be too late, in view of the preparation necessary to be made on the part of the printer, to execute the work. The rule will work well, it is believed, when the sessions are held at Baltimore, if it be so modified as to relieve the Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire from service on the committee. For the present session, the Corresponding Secretary will necessarily have to make the best arrangement he can, subject to the approval of the Committee on Printing.

The duty enjoined upon the Corresponding Secretary in the resolution, page 3145, relating to the death of P. G. Rep. William Bayley, of Maryland, has been discharged.

The Journals of Proceedings of the several State jurisdictions have been received, as follows:

Grand Lodge of *California*—one volume—from organization to 1859, inclusive, handsomely bound. Eighth annual session, 1860—pamphlet copy.
Grand Lodge of *Kentucky*—one bound volume, 1858–1859. Pamphlet copy, 1859.
" " *Tennessee*—Annual session, 1860.
" " *Indiana*—Annual session, 1859, and May, 1860.
" " *Mississippi*—Twenty-first annual session, 1859.
" " *Florida*—Annual session, 1860.
" " *Northern New York*—Annual session, 1859.
" " *Pennsylvania*—May to November, 1859.
" " *Wisconsin*—Fourteenth annual session, 1860.
" " *Iowa*—Twelfth annual session, 1859.
" " *Arkansas*—Eleventh annual session, 1859.
" " *Massachusetts*—Semi-annual and annual session, 1860.
" " *South Carolina*—Annual session, 1860.
" " *Louisiana*—July, 1859 to February, 1860.
" " *Alabama*—Annual session, 1860.
" " *Oregon*—Fourth annual session, 1859.
" " *Maryland*—January and July sessions, 1860.
" " *Connecticut*—Annual session, 1860.
" " *Ohio*—Annual session, 1860.
" " *New Hampshire*—1860.
Grand Encampment of *California*—Sixth annual session, 1860.
" " " *Texas*—Annual session, 1860.
" " " *Missouri*—Annual session, 1860.
" " " *Iowa*—Annual session, 1859.
" " " *Louisiana*—Annual session, 1860
" " " *Ohio*—Annual session, 1860.
" " " *Indiana*—Annual Session, 1859.
" " " *Tennessee*—Annual session, 1860.
" " " *New Jersey*—Annual session, 1859.
" " " *Rhode Island*—1858 to 1860.
" " " *Massachusetts*—1860.

It will be perceived from the above statement that one-half of the Grand Lodges and nearly three-fourths of the Grand Encampments have failed to supply this office with a copy of their last annual proceedings. This is much to be regretted, since it defeats the main object contemplated in inaugurating a library of this material at the seat of the Grand Lodge of the United States for the use of the Grand Representatives It is to be hoped that when the great importance of the object to be attained by preserving the proceedings of the several State jurisdictions in an enduring form, at a point where the work can be of convenient and ready access for research or authority, is recollected, and the great advantage to those who come after us is considered, in following the progressive foot-prints of the Order in its various departments and jurisdictions, that the simple duty of transmitting the printed pamphlet of State Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment proceedings will hereafter be promptly discharged. I am happy to say that under the authority conferred by the resolution of 1858, page 2946 Journal, a suitable book-case has been purchased for the purpose of preserving the proceedings of the State Grand Bodies, and that all the material of that character on hand has been arranged and placed therein, at the office of the undersigned. If the State Grand

Bodies will continue to supply their proceedings, they will thus be preserved and form a collection of great value to the Order.

In order to enable him to prepare his annual report in proper season for distribution early in the session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the undersigned, on the 23d day of April, 1860, addressed a circular to each Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe in the jurisdiction, (a copy of which is annexed,) invoking them respectively to use every possible exertion to comply with the by-law which requires that the annual reports should be transmitted to the Corresponding Secretary "at least one month previous to the annual session." I am gratified to say that most of these State Grand Officers have responded promptly to this request, whilst some few have not hastened even slowly to overcome their accustomed delay. I have consequently to make the usual complaint, that the want of several of these annual returns disqualifies me from presenting an accurate tabular statement of the progress of the Order. I avail of such returns as have been received up to September 1, 1860, and of the business correspondence of the office, to present a general summary of the condition of the Order in the several States and Territories and the jurisdiction of British North America.

British North America.—The annual report of the Grand Lodge of Canada West is received, from which it appears that the Order still prospers in that jurisdiction. One new Lodge has been instituted during the recess. I am advised also by G. M. Samuel G. Dobson that an intimation has been given by several Lodges of the Manchester Unity of a desire to unite with the American Order, and that in all probability the subject will be submitted for your consideration at the present session.

Lower Provinces of British North America.—I am able to say, from general correspondence, there is no reason to suppose that the Order has relaxed any of its wonted vigor under this Grand Lodge. G. Rep. Fuller writes as follows, under date of September 3d: "Some of our new Lodges in the eastern section are worked with a zeal amounting to enthusiasm. Fuller Lodge, No. 5, for instance, has far out-distanced all her sister Lodges, both young and old. Although of less than two year's standing, she numbers about one hundred members, has built a large and spacious hall, which has been solemnly dedicated to Odd-Fellowship, to science, and refinement; but the most pleasing feature in this new Lodge is the strict discipline in its working and the constant attendance and interest of its members."

Michigan.—The very efficient Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, Bro. B. Vernor, under date of August 10, 1860, writes "that he is obliged to send his annual report in an imperfect state, notwithstanding he is happy to say that the Order throughout Michigan is in a most healthy condition."

Vermont.—The annual report from Vermont does not exhibit a flattering condition of the Order.

Maine.—The Order in Maine, it appears from the annual report, has held its own during the year.

Massachusetts.—The esteemed Grand Secretary of Massachusetts, Bro. Charles D. Cole, writes me under date of the 25th August, "that Odd-Fellowship in the Old Bay State is in a good condition, and, as you will perceive by the returns, the numerical strength of the Encampment has increased and with a good prospect for a continuance. In the Lodges, although we number a few less contributing members than we did one year ago, yet from the reports of District Deputies it is evident that *renewed interest* has been awakened, and I am assured by members of a large number of those Lodges, which had done no work for years, that the old members are again attending the meetings punctually and new ones are being proposed; and we have commenced work this year with an interest that leaves no doubt upon our minds but what, at our next annual report, we shall show a handsome gain."

New Hampshire.—The annual report of the Grand Lodge shows a slight decrease in Lodges and membership; the Order is nevertheless prosperous.

Rhode Island.—The returns from this jurisdiction is received, and indicates a healthful condition of Odd-Fellowship.

Connecticut.—Odd-Fellowship in this State has not advanced in strength.

Southern New York.—The Order in Southern New York has not had the reaction anticipated from the feeling awakened on the occasion of the celebration of the fortieth anniversary—"notwithstanding our hopes and exertions to the contrary," says G. Sec'y Davies, in transmitting his annual report.

Northern New York.—This jurisdiction reports four hundred and ninety-six Lodges at work, being a gain of three over the last report, but the number of members appears to have fallen off.

New Jersey.—The very efficient Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, under date of the 16th August, writes that "it will be perceived from the annual report that there is a decided improvement in all that relates to the material interest of the Order in New Jersey. Two new Lodges have been instituted under highly favorable circumstances, the number of members has increased, a spirit of improvement is exhibited, and a strong and ardent desire is manifested to advance the Order; these signs of increasing prosperity furnish abundant evidence of success in the future." G. S. Theodore A. Ross writes as follows touching the patriarchal branch: "There has been a slight increase of membership. One new Encampment has been instituted; the charters of several Encampments that have not been working for several years have been surrendered, and I think the patriarchal branch of the Order will continue to improve. In some places in the State it is flourishing, while in others there is no life manifested."

Pennsylvania.—"At no time during my connexion with Odd-Fellowship," to use the language of the very able and experienced Grand Secretary of Pennsylvania, Bro. William Curtis, "has it been in a more prosperous condition. It is true we do not report so large a member-

ship as has been done two or three years ago, but I can assure you that there is more life and more of the true spirit of our Order developing itself in this State, in both branches, than has been for some years past"

Delaware.—The report from this State indicates the same number of Lodges as during the last year, with a constituency somewhat increased.

Maryland.—The report from this parent Grand Lodge is full of interest to the brotherhood at large. G. Sec'y Escavaille addressed me under date of the 10th August, 1860, as follows: "The Order in Maryland at this time presents an aspect of prosperity not surpassed at any period of its history. In the city of Baltimore, and in every section of the State, the voice is cheering and gives the most solid assurances of success. I have also the pleasure of informing you that every Subordinate in legal operation has reported at the semi-annual communication of the Grand Lodge just closed, an evidence of promptness worthy of emulation."

District of Columbia.—Odd-Fellowship in the District of Columbia, although it has not increased during the year, continues to enjoy the highest degree of health and prosperity.

Virginia.—The annual report from this jurisdiction exhibits a *statu quo* condition, which is computed at about ninety Lodges and a membership exceeding four thousand. In the language of the Grand Master, Bro. W. L. Hyland, in his able report, "the Order in Virginia is in a more healthy condition than at any former period of its history."

North Carolina.—This jurisdiction has slightly fallen off during the year, but the Order is still healthful and progressive within the State.

South Carolina.—The annual report of South Carolina is at hand in good time, according to the custom of its very efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. Edward Mitchell. The Order prospers in this jurisdiction.

Georgia.—The Order maintains itself in Georgia upon a highly respectable footing, and although it does not increase, it occupies a good position, and enjoys the confidence of the community.

Florida.—The return of the Grand Lodge of Florida is received. From this document it will appear that the Order is in about the same condition as reported at the last session. The report of D. D. G. Sire Asa B. Clark has also been received, which represents the patriarchal branch as in a healthy state. The report of the institution of Chipola Camp, No. 3, which failed to reach me during the last year, has now been received.

Mississippi.—The very esteemed Grand Secretary of Mississippi, ever prompt and efficient, has favored me with the annual report of that jurisdiction in good season. He remarks, touching the condition of the Order, "that summing up the reports for the year, I find a gradual improvement of the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction—some increase in membership and revenue of the Lodges compared with the report for year ending June 30, 1859. I am satisfied too that there is an increased interest awakened in many of our Lodges, which en

courages me to hope that during the current year our jurisdiction will be materially strengthened by new acquisitions to membership and by the addition of new Lodges."

Louisiana.—G. Sec'y Bier, of Louisiana, writes under date of 23d August, as follows: "The Order in this jurisdiction has not advanced, as I was in hopes it would; still the spirit is abroad, and I trust for a more favorable condition of things before the next annual communication;" and G. Scribe Furneaux on the same date speaks of the patriarchal branch thus: "The Encampment branch in our State, I am happy to say, seems to be recovering to some extent from the lethargy that has prevailed for several years back; members are taking more interest in its success, and accessions to its numbers are being made.

Alabama.—Touching the condition of the Order in this jurisdiction it cannot be better described than in the words of G. Sec'y Wilson, who is perfectly familiar with all its details, and is a most efficient officer. He writes under date of the 7th August, 1860, as follows: "I scarcely know what to say in relation to the condition of the Order in this State. A good many of the Subordinate Lodges have not yet sent in their reports for July, and my report to you consequently exhibits a decrease of membership and of revenue, although I hope the reports yet to come in will bring up the membership and receipts to that of last year. I have forwarded my report earlier than I should have done, had it not been that you will have the trouble to go to Nashville, and I desired to give you as much time as I could in preparing your report. On the 1st of January last the Subordinates in the State were apparently in a healthy and flourishing condition. Three new Lodges have been organized since my last report."

Missouri.—The ever faithful and efficient Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, Bro. Isaac M. Veitch, writes July 23, 1860, as follows: "Since our last annual returns, I have the pleasure to report that our increase in Lodges and membership is nearly, if not fully equal, to our progress in any previous year in this jurisdiction. The Order here has uniformly kept pace with the steady growth and prosperity of the State, and the future is still encouraging and hopeful."

Illinois.—The Grand Secretary of Illinois belongs to the class of officers who well know their duties, and properly and efficiently perform them. It is pleasant to correspond officially with such brethren. In transmitting his annual report he "regrets that he has not reports from all Lodges or Encampments at the time. Sixteen Encampments and twenty-seven Lodges known to have been at work during the year have not sent in their July reports. If I had had these reports, the number of members in the Encampment branch would probably have been increased to nearly twelve hundred, and the number in the Lodges would have been over one thousand, perhaps not up to that of last year however. In some parts of the State the Order is extending its operations, while falling off elsewhere; but we feel no discouragement, and think we are still in fact gaining."

Indiana.—There are several model Grand Secretaries in the State jurisdictions, and emphatically speaking, Bro. E. H. Barry is one of them. It is refreshing to hear a voice such as he speaks of Odd-Fellowship.. May Indiana appreciate him as he deserves to be appreciated! I would that every Grand Secretary were like those whom I have been for years in the habit of calling by name in my annual reports. Let Bro. Barry speak for Indiana: "You will see," he remarks in his favor of the 10th August, 1860, "that our Order in this jurisdiction exhibits no symptom of decline, but is still enlarging her border, and filling the places of the recent dead, and retiring with new recruits. The relief extended, the charities bestowed, the dead buried, show that our practices conform to our professions, and thus, by living out our principles, we make our Order appreciated and encouraged."

Ohio.—From this great jurisdiction in Odd-Fellowship, Bro. W. C. Earl, the present Grand Secretary and former Grand Representative, gives us the cheering intelligence that prosperity crowns the efforts of a noble brotherhood. To use his own language, "All is peace and harmony in this jurisdiction; whilst our numbers do not increase rapidly, we are yet daily drawing within our fold the good men and true—those who will be an ornament to the Order, and strengthen it as massive columns do the building they support."

Kentucky.—The annual report of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky has ever been promptly transmitted. I am under great obligations to the very attentive and able Grand Secretary, Bro. William White, for the following detail of information: "You will perceive from the number of reports yet due that the subordinates of both branches of the Order in this jurisdiction have been tardy in making their returns, which I very much regret, and I should have delayed these reports with the hope of receiving more full returns, but, being called away to institute a new Lodge, I was fearful of being too late on my return. Owing to this backwardness on the part of Subordinates, I am not able to compare in the aggregate the work of this with that of last year in either branch, but so far as I have been able to make a comparison, a steady increase and growth, both in membership and resources, is evident, and a becoming zeal and interest is manifest in both branches of the Order, which I regard as flourishing and prosperous."

Tennessee.—Odd-Fellowship is on the advance in this State, as appears by the annual report, and the brethren of that jurisdiction anticipate further acquisition during the coming year.

Arkansas.—G. Sec'y W. E. Woodroff, in sending the report of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, represents "that in consequence of the failure of several Lodges to make their returns, the real increase of the Order is not fully shown, but that the Order prospers."

Wisconsin.—I am informed by G. Sec'y Rudd of this jurisdiction that, "as a whole, the Order in Wisconsin is upon a better basis than it has been for the past few years."

Iowa.—G. Sec'y William Garrett has transmitted the annual report of this Grand Body in good season. He represents the Order to comprehend one hundred and fourteen Lodges and sixteen Encampments in good standing—"thinks that having passed through its worst ordeal, it is now upon the onward and upward march again."

Texas.—I have advices up to August 7, 1860, from G. Sec'y Oscar Farrish, of this jurisdiction, accompanying the annual report. All is prosperous in Texas, under the Grand Lodge jurisdiction. The number of Lodges and of membership has increased during the past year.

California.—This is rapidly becoming one of the greatest jurisdictions in the Order. During the past year the increase in Lodges has been ten, and in membership over six hundred. The Order in this State now comprehends one hundred Lodges, and over five thousand members. The Encampment branch is equally prosperous, numbering twenty Subordinates, with six hundred Patriarchs. I cannot forbear mentioning, in connexion with California, that although the most distant Grand Lodge, excepting Oregon, yet the annual report is always among the first received, and prepared with great care and ability. To G. Sec'y T. Rogers Johnson I am indebted for valuable official aid in the transmission of despatches to Australia and the Sandwich Islands, and for his very interesting and highly acceptable correspondence during the year. This worthy brother is familiarly known to the Grand Representatives as among the most efficient Grand Representatives of the session of 1858.

Minnesota.—The annual report of Minnesota was received 27th August, 1860. In the language of the very estimable and efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. Terry, "although the report does not show as much prosperity as could be desired, still they are encouraged to work on in the belief that there is a better time coming."

Oregon.—There are seven Lodges in Oregon, having a membership in the aggregate of three hundred and eighteen, and the annual report indicates a healthy condition of things.

Kansas.—Kansas reports eleven Lodges, with a membership of three hundred and seventy. The Order is in a fair state in this Territory.

Nebraska.—The Order has not prospered as fully as was anticipated in Nebraska, but the brotherhood is encouraged to labor in the hope of success when times improve.

Sandwich Islands.—I have very great pleasure in reporting that Odd-Fellowship in these isles of the sea occupies a very elevated and prosperous position. The membership is composed of the very best materials, comprehending the elite of the commercial, mechanical, and professional classes. The annual reports for the year 1859 did not reach me until after the close of the last session, and are now submitted. Accompanying these documents will be found an elaborate memorial from Excelsior Lodge, upon the subject of the admissibility of the Polynesian race into the Order. The question is presented in a respectful, earnest, and proper manner, and deserves the careful considera-

tion of the Grand Lodge. A very interesting communication has been received, dated Honolulu, March 6, 1860, from D. D. G. Sire R. A. S. Wood, from which I make the following extract: "The Order in this city is in very healthy condition, doing for its members all that is expected of it, while its accession of members is from the best material among us. Excelsior Lodge has during the last year erected a fine fire-proof brick block, containing two stores on the lower floor, which have been leased for a term of five years at $1,350. The upper floor is divided so as to give a hall of 24x43 feet, ante-room 15x24, two robing rooms 7x12 feet, and a library room 28x21 feet. The hall is very neatly decorated by the voluntary contribution of the members, and reflects much credit on the Order as a body. It was dedicated with the usual ceremonies early in January last, of which I have before advised you. Polynesian Encampment does not appear to expand much, but may be said to be in a healthy condition so long as she retains her present very able officers."

New Mexico.—I am much gratified to report that the Order in this distant jurisdiction has through the personal and official influence of that indefatigable brother, D. D. G. Sire John B. Grayson, been placed on a much better footing than it occupied during the year 1859. At the last session charters were authorized for Lodge No. 3, and Encampment No. 2, in New Mexico, to take the place of Lodges Nos. 1 and 2, and of Encampment No. 1, all of which had demised. At my instance Bro. Grayson adopted a different course of organizing the Order in the Territory. Soon after the adjournment of the last session I advised D. D. G. Sire Grayson that if a sufficient number of the members of Lodges No. 1 or No. 2, could be found willing to revive either of the two Lodges, it would be a better form of reorganizing the Order than by instituting a new Lodge, inasmuch as it would not involve the cost of a new charter, the trouble of a new institution, and would avoid the necessity of merging the numbers of the Lodges. Adopting this suggestion, on the 13th November, 1859, that officer transmitted an application in due form, signed by five members in good standing on the books of Lodge No. 2 at the time of its demise, praying a restoration of the charter. This communication was submitted to the Grand Sire, and on the 19th December, 1859, that officer issued a warrant directing the restoration of the charter to the petitioners, which was immediately carried into effect. On the 10th March, 1860, I had the pleasure of receiving the report of D. D. G. Sire John B. Grayson of the reorganization of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, under the most favorable auspices. There being no quorum of the members of Camp No. 1 at Santa Fe, nothing has been done toward reviving that Body.

Washington Territory.—The report due at the last session was not received from this Territory. The report now received embraces a period of eighteen months, ending December 31, 1859. The only Lodge in the jurisdiction, Olympia, No. 1, is in a prosperous condition Number of members thirty.

It is a source of great gratification to me to remark that in no instance in my experience have the annual returns been made with greater promptness by the Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes of the several jurisdictions than at the present session, for which I take occasion to make my acknowledgements to those Grand Officers, especially since the effort has been responsive to an earnest appeal to them, made by the Corresponding Secretary in view of the necessity of having the material in time for the session of the Grand Lodge at Nashville. May I hope that, satisfied by this success of their ability to comply with the law, their reports will hereafter be made with equal promptitude.

Semi-annual reports have been received during the year from the following Subordinates under this jurisdiction:

Far West Encampment, No. 1, Kansas.
Ancilla Encampment, No. 2, Florida.
Fort Smith Encampment, No. 1, Arkansas.
Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, Minnesota.
Chipola Encampment, No. 3, Mariana, Florida.
Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu.
Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3, Vermont.
Ellison Encampment, No. 1, Oregon.
Polynesian Encampment, No. 1, Honolulu.
Mambertau Encampment, No. 26, Lower Provinces, B. N. A.

The following statement, made in conformity with the order "to arrange the same in parallel columns," represents the amounts for each specific purpose received from each Grand Jurisdiction and Subordinate Lodge and Encampment under this Grand Body during the past fiscal year. The several amounts received have been paid into the treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report. The usual supplementary table will be submitted at an early day during the session, showing the further receipts of this office from the termination of the fiscal year up to the first day of the session, inclusive.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing September* 20, 1859, *and ending September* 1, 1860.

GRAND LODGES.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Diplomas.	Miscellaneous.	Rep. Tax.	Total.
Maryland	.....	$160 00	$75 50	$15 00	$26 50	.....	$150 00	$424 00
Massachusetts	.....	50 00	10 00	.....	12 50	.....	150 00	222 50
S. New York	.....	100 00	12 50	.....	25 00	.....	.....	137 50
Pennsylvania	.....	600 00	365 00	29 00	.....	.....	150 00	1144 00
Delaware	.....	40 00	19 25	2 50	.....	.....	.....	61 75
Ohio	.....	790 00	417 65	75 00	12 50	6	150 00	1445 21
Louisiana	.....	.....	25 00	.....	88 00	.....	150 00	263 00
New Jersey	.....	80 00	127 50	.....	.....	.....	150 00	357 50
Kentucky	.....	280 00	76 50	30 00	.....	.....	150 00	536 50
Virginia	.....	70 00	28 75	15 05	.....	.....	150 00	263 75
Indiana	.....	400 00	273 75	60 00	12 50	.....	150 00	896 25
Mississippi	.....	40 00	30 00	.....	.....	1 05	150 00	221 05
Missouri	.....	250 00	237 50	25 00	.....	.....	150 00	662 50
Illinois	.....	345 00	479 00	32 50	65 00	.....	150 00	1071 50
Texas	.....	30 00	200 00	15 00	50 00	.....	150 00	445 00
Tennessee	.....	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00
S. Carolina	.....	20 00	14 00	.....	.....	77	150 00	184 77
Alabama	.....	18 60	57 50	.....	3 75	.....	150 00	229 85
N. Carolina	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Georgia	.....	24 40	30 00	.....	50 00	60	150 00	255 00
Maine	.....	15 20	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	24 00
N. Hampshire	.....	50 00	57 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	257 00
Michigan	.....	.....	33 69	.....	.....	.....	150 00	183 69
Wisconsin	.....	26 32	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26 32
Iowa	.....	140 00	21 25	1 25	37 50	.....	150 00	350 00
Arkansas	.....	30 00	12 00	.....	25 00	.....	75 00	142 00
Rhode Island	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Florida	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	75 00	80 50
California	.....	103 75	206 25	25 00	125 00	3 50	150 00	613 50
Minnesota	22 00	30 00	2 50	5 00	.....	.....	75 00	134 50
Canada West	.....	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00
Kansas	.....	20 00	.....	.....	12 50	.....	75 00	107 50
	22 50	3713 27	2882 09	330 25	545 75	10 98	3375 00	1,0879 84

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing September 20, 1859, and ending September 1, 1860.*

	Dues.	Balance.	Diplomas.	Cards.	Books.	Miscell's.	Total.
B. C. True, of Ohio			$ 61 50				$ 61 50
E. P. Burnham, of Maine			12 50				12 50
J. E. Chamberlain, of Maryland			12 50				12 50
William Curtis, of Pennsylvania			275 00				275 00
C. D. Cole, of Massachusetts			37 50				37 50
William Murchison, of Pennsylvania			12 50				12 50
B. B. Woodward, of Iowa			25 00				25 00
J. H. Clemmer, of Ohio			15 00				15 00
G. W. Cassedy, of New Jersey			52 50				52 50
James Westland, of Canada West			12 50		$2 50		15 00
Alex. E. Glenn, of Ohio			25 00				25 00
R. A. S. Wood, of Sandwich Islands		$9 00	12 50	$12 60	4 21	$4 47	42 78
J. J. Walton, of Arkansas					1 00		1 00
Mambertau Encampment of Lower Provinces	$ 6 00						6 00
Polynesia Encampment of Sandwich Islands	90 94						90 94
Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, of Sandwich Islands	241 28						241 28
Olympia Lodge, No. 1, Washington Territory	32 50						32 50
Ellison Encampment, No. 1, Oregon	18 50						18 50
Far West Encampment, No. 1, Kansas	39 35						39 35
Eagle Encampment, No. 1, Arkansas	25 75						25 75
Fort Smith Encampment, No. 3, Arkansas	1 95						1 95
Ancilla Encampment, No. 2, Florida	28 84						28 84
Chipola Encampment, No. 3, Florida	16 39						16 39
Delaware Encampment, No. 1, Delaware	34 44			10 00			44 44
McDonald Encampment, No. 2, Delaware	12 60						12 60
Reynolds Encampment, No. 3, Delaware	16 42						16 42
Sussex Encampment, No. 4, Delaware	9 80						9 80
Kirkwood Encampment, No. 6, Delaware	6 50						6 50
	$581 26	$9 00	$554 00	$22 60	$ 7 71	$ 4 47	$1,179 04

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing September* 20, 1859, *and ending September* 1, 1860.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Diplomas.	Rep. Tax.	Total.
Maryland	.....	$20 00	$ 7 50	.....	$150 00	$177 50
Pennsylvania	.....	.....	60 00	.....	.....	60 00
Ohio	.....	60 00	52 50	.....	150 00	262 50
Kentucky	.....	.....	75 00	.....	75 00	150 00
New Jersey	.....	10 00	.....	$50 00	75 00	135 00
South Carolina	.....	.....	2 50	.....	75 00	77 50
Massachusetts	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
N. Hampshire	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Missouri	.....	.....	10 00	175 00	75 00	260 00
Georgia	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
North Carolina	$100 00	.....	.....	.....	75 00	175 00
Indiana	.....	40 00	92 50	.....	150 00	282 50
Michigan	.....	.....	2 50	.....	75 00	77 50
Mississippi	47 50	.....	.....	.....	75 00	122 50
Louisiana	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Alabama	.....	.....	5 00	.....	75 00	80 00
Illinois	.....	.....	38 75	.....	150 00	188 75
Iowa	.....	.....	5 00	.....	75 00	80 00
California	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
	$147 50	$130 00	$351 25	$225 00	$1,650 00	$2,503 75

The revenue of the Grand Lodge during the year up to and inclusive of September 1st, 1860, amounts to..... $14,562 63
Due on the same day and payable during the session..... 3,892 49

Making an aggregate revenue for the year 1859–60, of... $18,475 12

The receipts estimated for the year was..... $20,500 00
Amount actually received for the year was..... 18,475 12

Deficit..... $2,024 88

The deficit has arisen principally in the item of Diplomas, the sales having not reached the estimate by one-half.

The amount appropriated at the last session was..... $17,130 00
Receipts as above..... 18,475 12

Excess of revenue over appropriations..... $1,345 12

Of the sum appropriated, however, the following have not been used, viz:

New card plate..... $500
Repairing furniture..... 200
——$700

Which, together with the sum of $147, being in excess of appropriation over the amount required, make the sum of $847 to be deducted from the aggregate of appropriations, rendering the actual outlay during the year $16,282 90, thus showing the fact that the revenue has not only been adequate to the ordinary expenditures of the Grand Lodge, but has yielded an excess beyond that demand of $2,192 22, properly applicable to the deficit of the year 1858–9. This, although not so gratifying a state of finance as was anticipated by the committee of the last session, arising as has already been intimated principally from the failure of the Diplomas to realize the estimate, yet is quite an improvement in the state of the treasury, and it is believed would have supplied a nucleus around which to build a confident hope for the entire extinction of the debt of the Grand Lodge during the next year, if no extraordinary expense had been incurred: but it has been thought advisable, in view of the general welfare of the Order, to hold the present session of the Grand Lodge in the city of Nashville, and in gratifying that object considerable additional cost will be unavoidable, in view of which it is the opinion of the Corresponding Secretary that the excess of revenue over the expenditures of the last year, viz. the sum of $2,192 22 or thereabouts, will be absorbed in meeting this additional expense, and the finances of the Grand Lodge will be left unimproved, or where they were at the close of the last session, with a deficit of between three and four thousand dollars.

The appropriations for the card plate and for repairs of furniture were not used for the reason that it was deemed proper to avoid all expense that was not absolutely necessary during the year, and which might be transferred to the coming year without prejudice to the interests of the Grand Lodge. The Corresponding Secretary respectfully requests that the appropriations for these objects be renewed at the present session. At the earliest moment practicable during the session a supplementary report will be submitted, embracing the stock account, statement of supplies sold in detail, and the receipts into the treasury since the 1st day of September, 1860. Upon a review of the operations of our beloved Order during the past year in the vast field of labor which employs its energies, there is the most abundant cause for the outpouring of gratitude to Almighty God for the continued favor which he vouchsafes to our institution, not the less signally displayed by the great prosperity which crowns our ministrations in behalf of humanity, than in that profound spirit of peace and harmony which characterize the internal government of the Order in all its detail, and hallows the relation of brotherhood which binds us together.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Grand Secretary.*

Office Corresponding and Recording Secretary,
BALTIMORE, *September* 1, 1860.

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, the Grand Secretary's report was referred to the same committee to whom the report of the Grand Sire was referred.

The Grand Treasurer asked and obtained leave to defer his report until all the returns were paid in.

The Chair announced the appointment of the Standing Committees, as follows:

Committee on the State of the Order.—Reps. Boylston, of South Carolina; Harvey, of Indiana; McKinstry, of Alabama; Stuart, of District of Columbia; Starr, of Illinois.

Legislative Committee.—Reps. Dwinelle, of Northern New York; Caldwell, of North Carolina; Steere, of Rhode Island; Young, of Maryland; Nixon, of Louisiana.

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps. Conley, of Georgia; Krogman, of Massachusetts; Archer, of Missouri; Phillips, of New Jersey; Shinkle, of Kentucky.

Committee on Finance.—Reps. Veitch, of Missouri; I. H. Robinson, of Virginia; Prall, of Northern New York; Bailey, of Mississippi; Burnham, of Maine.

Committee on Appeals.—Reps. Kennedy, of Southern New York; Strong, of Mississippi; Adams, of Georgia; Dennis, of Michigan; Winchell, of Ohio.

Committee on Constitutions.—Reps. Ellis, of Maryland; Hills, of Wisconsin; Farrish, of Texas; Hoke, of North Carolina; Marble, of Massachusetts.

Committee on Returns.—Reps. Farnsworth, of Tennessee; Herndon, of Indiana; Scott, of Connecticut; Mitchell, of South Carolina; Woodward, of Iowa.

Committee on Printing.—Reps. Hardy, of Alabama, White, of Northern New York; McLean, of District of Columbia; Miller, of Indiana; Marley, of Maryland.

Committee on Petitions.—Reps. Mason, of Kentucky; Richardson, of Delaware; Iredale, of California; Damon, of Florida; Slater, of Oregon.

Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.—Reps. Hunt, of Texas; Earl, of Ohio; Taylor, of Pennsylvania; Lent, of Southern New York; Noble, of Minnesota.

Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented.—Reps. Stetson, of Louisiana; Anderson, of Illinois; Lamberton, of Pennsylvania; Partridge of Canada West; Davis, of Arkansas.

Committee on Credentials.—Reps. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania; Kidder, of New Hampshire; Mills of Kentucky; True, of Ohio; Fuller, of Lower Provinces.

Rep. Fuller, of Lower Provinces, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the book of diagrams and secret work be placed in the hands of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire during the session, after to-day, for the use and benefit of the Representatives.

Rep. Earl, of Ohio, submitted the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was referred to the Committee on Returns:

Amend article ten of the By-Laws so that it shall read as follows:

Annual returns shall be made by each State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, in which they shall give the names and residences of the Grand Officers, number of Lodges, and the aggregate number of members in good standing in their Subordinates, and the aggregate number of initiations, reinstatements, admissions by card, withdrawals by card, expulsions, of brothers relieved, of widowed families relieved, deaths, amount expended for relief of brothers, amount expended for education of orphans, amount paid for burying the dead, and the whole amount of receipts; forms of which shall be furnished by this Grand Lodge. Said returns shall be made to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary at least one month previous to the annual meeting of this body, and shall be accompanied with the dues thereon in money current at par in the place where the meeting of this body is held.

The Chair submitted the following communication:

NASHVILLE, September 17, 1860.

To the Officers and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

DEAR SIRS AND BROTHERS: On behalf of the Order in Nashville we desire to invite you to participate in an Excursion to the "Hermitage" and Tomb of Andrew Jackson on Thursday next, 20th instant. A collation will also be provided, of which you will be expected to partake while at the Hermitage.

In our arrangements for this excursion and collation we have been governed by the sole desire to provide an entertainment for your benefit of such a character as would enable us to meet you all as *brothers indeed*, without form or ceremony, and to this end we know of no spot more appropriate to extend to you the fraternal greetings of Odd-Fellows than around the grave of that patriot and hero, Andrew Jackson. Yours, fraternally,

G. W. CUNNINGHAM,
W. W. THURMOND,
W. A. WHERRY,
A. A. HATCHER,
GEO. SEIFERLEE,
DAVID C. LOVE,
H. C. HENSLEY,
T. L. MARSHALL,
Com. of Arrangements.

On motion of Rep Conley, of Georgia, the invitation was accepted.

Rep. Mason, of Kentucky, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will hold a secret session to-morrow, at three o'clock, for the exemplification of the secret work.

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the election of officers for the ensuing term take place to-morow, at ten o'clock A. M.

On motion of Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, it was resolved that Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, and Rep. Hunt, of Michigan, be declared entitled to their seats as Representatives in this body, notwithstanding the absence of their credentials.

Rep. Burnham, of Maine, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That five thousand copies of the Grand Sire's and Grand Serretary's reports be printed and furnished the Representatives.

Rep. Boydston, of Nebraska, moved to amend by striking out "five thousand" and inserting "one thousand." The question being on striking out, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being on filling the blank, Rep. Stetson, of Louisiana, moved to indefinitely postpone the subject, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on filling the blank—

On motion of Rep. White, of Northern New York, the whole subject was referred to the Committee on Printing.

On motion of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, the several State jurisdictions were called for the presentation of such business as they may have for the consideration of the Lodge.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Maryland, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Marble, of Massachusetts, presented the following resolution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the R W. Grand Lodge of the United States be and are hereby instructed to present to that Grand Body the desire of this jurisdiction to have the five degrees of the Subordinate Lodge so remodeled and revised that the conferring of each upon candidates be accompanied by appropriate and expressive scenic illustrations.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, presented the following resolution of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be and are hereby requested to ask permission to institute Lodges to confer the degree of Rebekah.

Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Winchell, of Ohio, presented the following resolution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be and are hereby instructed to present to that Grand Body the desire of this jurisdiction to have the five degrees of the Subordinate Lodge so remodeled and revised that the conferring of each upon candidates be accompanied by appropriate and expressive scenic illustrations.

Rep. True, of Ohio, presented the appeal of James Seymour, of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Phillips, of New Jersey, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, presented the revised Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Starr, of Illinois, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. McKinistry, of Alabama, presented the following resolution of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That our R. W. Grand Representatives be instructed to bring the matter of eligibility of widows of deceased brothers to the degree of Rebekah to the notice of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. "Can the widow of deceased Odd-Fellows who were in good standing at the time of death receive the degree of Rebekah."

Rep. Mitchell, of South Carolina, presented the petition of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, asking authority to fix a place of meeting for that Grand Body irrespective of its constitution, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. Mitchell, of South Carolina, presented the following interrogatory from the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals:

Can an elective officer resign for good causes shown, and, if the resignation is accepted by the Encampment concerned, cannot the Encampment proceed forthwith to elect another officer?

The state of the case is this: The Treasurer of an Encampment was insulted in open Encampment while temporarily absent. At the next meeting he resigned, which resignation the Encampment duly received, and by the voice of a large majority proceeded to elect a new Treasurer, against which a protest has been entered. As there is a diversity of opinion expressed, I would, in the absence of the Grand Patriarch, respectfully ask your decision.

Rep. Burnham, of Maine, presented the following resolution of the Grand Lodge of Maine:

Resolved, That our R. W. Grand Representatives be instructed to use their best endeavors in the Grand Lodge of the United States to have the old work restored to use in the Subordinate Lodges.

On motion of Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, to refer the same to the Legislative Committee—

Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion to refer the subject to the Legislative Committee, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Smith, of Rhode Island, presented the following resolution of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island be and it is hereby authorized to hold its sessions at any place within the jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge, as they may now be held in the city of Providence.

Rep. Dennis, of Michigan, presented the revised constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Davis, of Arkansas, presented the appeal of S. P. Catlin, of Arkansas, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the resolutions from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, presented by Rep. Marble, of Massachusetts, and those of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, presented by Rep. Winchell, of Ohio, and referred to the Committee on the State of the Order, be taken from that committee and referred to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. Hall, of California, submitted the following inquiry from the Grand Lodge of California, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Has a presiding or sitting Noble Grand of a Subordinate Lodge a right to sign an annual or semi-annual report returning himself as a Past Grand, he not having previously passed the Noble Grand's chair.

Rep. Hall, of California, presented the following proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California, which was ordered to be spread upon the Journal:

The R. W. Grand Lodge, at its annual session in May last, adopted the following preamble and resolution, to wit:

WHEREAS the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, in response to repeated applications of Odd-Fellows residing upon the Pacific coast, did enact a special law granting to this jurisdiction of the Order the right of admitting into honorable affiliation such members, located upon the Pacific coast, as had been suspended for the non-payment of dues in Eastern Lodges; and whereas, in conferring this special act of clemency upon us, we feel that we have been made the subjects of a magnanimity and kindness worthy of the most delicate and guarded consideration; therefore

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge is of the opinion that the time allotted for the exercise of this special privilege, to wit, until the first of January, 1861, will have been an ample period for the return of all Odd-Fellows whose heavy arrearages at the East was a bar to their renewal of membership; and that with a feeling of profound gratitude to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and the brothers of this jurisdiction who advocated the measure, we will surrender this special privilege upon the expiration of the time specified to the R. W. Grand Lodge, from which we received it.

Rep. McLean, of the District of Columbia, presented the following resolution of the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, which was referred to the Grand Officers:

Resolved, That the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to apply to that R. W. Grand Body for the issue of a duplicate charter to this Grand Encampment.

Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be directed to report definitely whether a Subordinate Lodge may expel a member for non-payment of dues.

Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That a member of a Subordinate Lodge who is also a member of an Encampment, and who may be suspended from his Lodge for non-payment of dues or for unbecoming conduct, is chargeable with dues in his Encampment during his suspension in his Lodge, and that such a person can only be reinstated to membership in his Encampment by the payment of all demands against him.

Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the meaning and intent of the law found on page 1236–7 of the Journal, relative to Subordinate Lodges adjourning while a discussion is in progress, does not imply that a Lodge may adjourn or close before the regular business of the evening, as contemplated in the working books, has been gone through with.

Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the laws found in the Digest on pages 505 section 3, 583 section 16, 611, section 15, and 626 section 30, be so construed as to make it a necessary qualification for any office, elective or appointed, in all Lodges which are in possession of the degree of Rebekah.

On motion of Rep. Shinkle, of Kentucky, the Grand Lodge adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

EDWD. H. FITZHUGH.....R. W. D. Grand Sire, presiding.
WILLIAM THAYER.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. A. PAUL REPITON....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
ISAAC M. TUCKER.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
SOLOMON H. LEWYT.....W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN..W. Grand Messenger.

And a quorum of jurisdictions.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. A. Paul Repiton, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

On motion, Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, the Lodge agreed to proceed to the consideration of pending amendments to the Constitution, to be found on the third page of the appendix to Journal of 1859.

The first pending amendment was considered as follows:

"Amend the second section of the ninth article of the Constitution so that it shall read as follows:

SECTION 7. Every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing shall be entitled to one vote in the Grand Lodge; every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing shall be entitled to two votes; and no State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than one Grand Representative at the same time: Provided, however, that any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be entitled to as many Grand Representatives as it may have votes, on assuming the payment of the mileage and per diem of the additional Grand Representative."—*Page* 3125.

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, moved to refer the proposed amendment, and the one following on the same page, offered by Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, and the amendment offered by Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, on page four, all relating to the same subject, to the Committee of the Whole, which was agreed to, and the Lodge resolved itself into Committee of the Whole accordingly, Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, in the chair.

After some hours deliberation, the committee rose. The Grand Sire having resumed the chair, Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, from the Committee of the Whole, reported progress, and asked and obtained leave to sit again.

The hour having arrived fixed for the nomination and election of Grand Officers, on motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, the Lodge proceeded to that subject, when the following nominations were made for Most Worthy Grand Sire:

By Rep. Mason, of Kentucky,	Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina
By Rep. Stuart, Dis. of Col.,	Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia.
By Rep. Hall, of California,	Rep. Dwinelle, of N. New York.
By Rep. Smith, of Michigan,	Rep. Stacey, of Michigan.

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, rose in his place and declined the nomination for the office of the M. W. Grand Sire.

Deputy Grand Sire Fitzhugh having retired from the chair, Deputy Grand Sire Thayer, *pro tem.*, presided.

The nominations being closed the Chair named Reps. Prall, of Northern New York, and Mason, of Kentucky, as tellers.

The tellers having collected the ballots—

Before announcing the result the Chair stated that inquiry had been made of him whether in balloting for officers a Representative was entitled to cast a vote for his absent colleague, and that he had ruled, in conformity to a former decision of the Grand Lodge, that Representatives were entitled to vote on balloting for officers for their colleagues, when absent.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the question being "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" it was resolved in the negative—yeas 33, nays 62.

Whereupon several Representatives having cast ballots for their absent colleagues at the vote just had for the office of M. W. Grand Sire, the Chair declared the vote was void, and the Lodge proceeded again to the election of M. W. Grand Sire.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that 92 ballots had been cast, of which number P. G. Robert B. Boylston, of South Carolina, received 46, P. G. M. Edward H. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, 44, and P. G. M. Consider A. Stacey 2.

Whereupon no election was had, and the Lodge proceeded to another vote.

Rep. Smith, of Michigan, asked and obtained leave to retire the name of P. G. M. Stacey, of Michigan.

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that 93 ballots had been cast, of which number—

P. G. Robert B. Boylston received 47
P. G. M. Edward H. Fitzhugh " 46

Whereupon the Chair announced that P. G. R. B. Boylston, of South Carolina, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was the duly elected M. W. Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to nominations for the office of R. W Deputy Grand Sire, when the following were made:

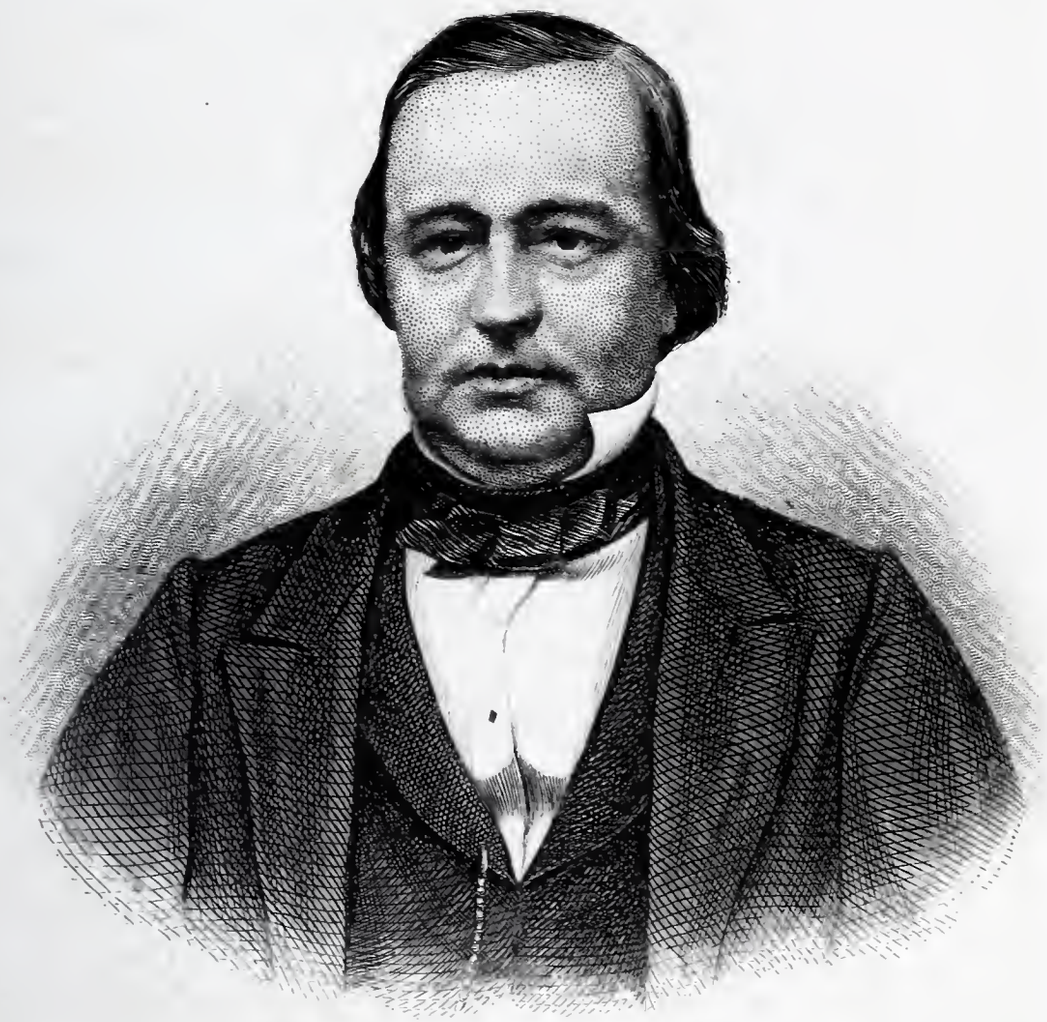
By Rep. Hoke, of N. Carolina,	Rep. Herndon, of Indiana.
By Rep. Mills, of Kentucky,	Rep. Strong, of Mississippi.
By Rep. Kennedy, of S. N. Y.,	G. Marshal Tucker, of N. J.
By Rep. Kidder, of N. H.,	Rep. Conley, of Georgia.
By Rep. Marble, of Mass.,	Rep. Veitch, of Missouri.
By Rep. Hall, of California,	Rep. Winchell, of Ohio.
By Rep. Noble, of Minnesota,	Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania.
By Rep. Krogman, of Mass.,	Rep. Kidder, of New Hampshire.

Reps. Conley, of Georgia, Strong, of Mississippi, Veitch, of Missouri, Winchell, of Ohio, Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, each, with leave of the Lodge, declined the nomination.

The nominations being closed, the Lodge proceeded to the election. The Chair appointed the same tellers, who, having received the votes of the Representatives, reported that ninety-two votes had been cast, of which number—

Rep. Herndon, of Indiana, received 38
G. Marshal Tucker, of N. J., " 39
Rep. Kidder, of N. H., " 15

Whereupon no election was had, and the Lodge proceeded to another vote.



R B Boylston

The tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that eighty-seven votes had been cast, of which number—

Rep. Herndon, of Indiana, received		36
G. Marshal Tucker, of N. J.,	"	41
Rep. Kidder, of N. H.,	"	10

No election being had, the Lodge proceeded again to the election.

Rep. Kidder, of New Hampshire, withdrew his name as a candidate for the office of R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.

The tellers having received the votes of the Representatives, reported that eighty-five votes had been cast, of which number—

Rep. Herndon, of Indiana, received		43
G. Marshal Tucker, of N. J.,	"	41
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Whereupon the Chair announced that P. G. M. Milton Herndon, of Indiana, having received a majority of the votes cast, was the duly elected R. W. Deputy Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to nominations for the office of Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, when the following was made:

By Rep. Mason, of Kentucky, P. G. M. Ridgely, of Maryland.

The nominations being closed, and the tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that forty-five ballots had been cast, all of which had been polled for P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Maryland.

Whereupon the Chair announced that P. G. M. James L. Ridgely was the duly elected R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to nominations for the office of R. W. Grand Treasurer, when the following was made:

By Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, P. G. M. Joshua Vansant, of Maryland

The nominations being closed, and the tellers having received the ballots of the Representatives, reported that thirty votes had been cast, all of which had been polled for P. G. M. Joshua Vansant, of Maryland.

Whereupon the Chair announced that P. G. M. Joshua Vansant was the duly elected R. W. Grand Treasurer for the ensuing term.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred the following inquiry from the Grand Lodge of California, viz: "Has a presiding or sitting Noble Grand of a Subordinate Lodge, a right to

sign an annual or semi-annual report returning himself as a Past Grand. he not having previously passed the Noble Grand's chair?" ask leave to report:

That no such right exists. The return is to be made of the proceedings of the term *then* expiring, and must be signed by the officers in the capacity they then fill. In a separate schedule a return is made of the officers *elect*. These latter officers cannot be installed until such return has been dispatched, and until this be done the officer who signs the return thus forwarded is Noble Grand, and not Past Grand. The point seems clear to the committee.

The views here expressed do not conflict with the right of a Past Grand, sitting *pro tempore* as Noble Grand, or of a Past Grand serving subsequently as regular Noble Grand, to certify to his own former position as Past Grand, but is restricted to the conclusion that the Noble Grand of an expiring term cannot certify to his being a Past Grand, because in fact he occupies no such position.

R. B. BOYLSTON,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
J. S HARVEY,
JAMES E. STARR,
F. D. STUART.

Rep. Caldwell, of North Carolina, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution, adopted by the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, viz: "That the Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be and are hereby requested to ask permission to institute Lodges to confer the degree of Rebekah," would respectfully report:

That this Body could not, without manifest impropriety, grant the request contained in the above resolution. Aside from the question of power, about which the committee have no doubt, other considerations are involved, viz: It would be unadvisable as well as inexpedient, and in addition a violation of the nature, design, and object to be accomplished by the institution of the degree referred to. By reference to the legislation of this Body in respect to this subject it will be seen that at the annual session of this Grand Lodge held during the year 1851 the M. W. Grand Sire ruled that the pending proposition was intended merely to adopt a side degree; that it had in view a special object, without having any necessary or inseparable connexion with the existing written or unwritten work of the Order; that it merely conferred a privilege, and did not necessarily affect the brethren in possession of the work, because they were not required to avail themselves of this privilege.—(See printed Journal page 1793.) This decision was sanctioned by the Grand Lodge upon an appeal taken by Rep Kennedy, of Southern New York. The committee, therefore, conclude that by complying with the request of the above resolution, the degree of

Rebekah, from being a side degree, and a personal privilege owing its existence and continuation to the will of a majority of the Grand Lodge, and liable to be abolished at any time, would be elevated to the dignity of a Degree Lodge, with all its forms and privileges, an object not contemplated by the framers of the law, and certainly not within its manifest spirit. The right to exercise this power cannot be claimed by prescription or custom and there is no clause in the Constitution that confers it. Could one jurisdiction institute Lodges for the purpose of conferring this degree, other jurisdictions would claim and exercise this power, and the end of all would be that a separate and distinct branch of the Order would be established without authority of law or precedent.

R. A. CALDWELL,
JOHN W. DWINELLE,
THOMAS STEERE,
WILLIAM H. YOUNG,
J. O. NIXON.

On motion of Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, the Lodge adjourned until three o'clock this afternoon.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to the order adopted. Edward H. Fitzhugh, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, presiding. All the Grand Officers and a quorum of jurisdictions present.

On motion of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, the special order for this hour, to wit, "instruction in the secret work of the Order," was taken up, when, on his further motion, it was postponed until seven and a half o'clock to-morrow evening.

On motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, it was ordered that the jurisdictions be called for the presentation of such business as they may have for the consideration of the Lodge.

The R. W. G. Treasurer, Joshua Vansant, presented his Annual Report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

I have the honor to submit my Financial Report for the year commencing September 22, 1859, and ending September 17, 1860, inclusive:

The receipts for the year, from all sources, were	$20,144 68
And the disbursements	18,329 99
Showing a balance in favor of the receipts of	$1,814 69
In the receipts, however, is included the sum of two thousand dollars in the form of three promissory notes, issued by the Grand Lodge, in conformity with the resolution of that body, to meet accruing expenses. These notes having been paid, are included in the debit account; hence the receipts proper for the year were	$18,144 68
And the expenses proper	16,329 99
Exhibiting the same balance as above	$1,814 69

It may be perceived by the subjoined statement in detail that the cash balance now in the treasury is	$12,146 65
The cash balance at the close of the fiscal year in 1859 was	10,331 96
Amount in favor of year ending September 17, 1860	$1,814 69
This last item is made up by an increase in the revenue of	894 80
And a diminution in the expenses of	919 89
	$1,814 69

This increase in the revenue is attributable to the sale of the diplomas issued for the first time at the commencement of the fiscal year, and the decrease of expenses to the fact that appropriations were not required for any extraordinary purpose during the year.

The excess of balance of the present year as compared with that of the preceding year, will, it is believed, be absorbed at the present session by an increase of the item of mileage allowance to members, in which event the Grand Lodge will, at the close of the session, stand in the same condition, financially, as it did at the close of the session of 1859; and hence the Grand Lodge will again be under the necessity of issuing its bills of credit in order to meet liabilities which will mature during the first quarter of the fiscal year, beginning September 18, 1860.

By referring to my last annual report, on page 3070 of the Journal, you will perceive that the average revenue for the years 1857, 1858, and 1859, was $17,444 63. I do not believe a greater sum than that can be relied on as the revenue of the fiscal year of 1860–61, unless new sources of revenue should be opened. The average expenses for the same years was $17,411 44. The latter would be a fair basis for future estimates for the *ordinary* purposes of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer.*

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.*

1859.	TO CASH RECEIVED.	Dr.
Sept. 21.	To cash balance as per report, page 3071, Journal of 1859	$10,331 96
	To this sum received from Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgely, from September 22, 1859, to September 17, 1860, both inclusive	18,082 90
	To promissory notes of Grand Lodge of the United States.	2,000 00
1860.		
Sept. 17.	To this sum from the Grand Lodge of Maine in payment of promissory note and interest	61 78
	Total	$30,476 64

1859.	BY CASH PAID.	Cr.
Sept. 22.	By cash paid I. M. Tucker on account of expenses incurred in celebrating 40th anniversary at New York city	20 00
22.	M. T. Lane, mileage and per diem	78 00
22.	Kelly, Hedian & Pyett, for check books	1 75
22.	F. D. Stuart for printing certificates, &c	104 60

Sept.	23.	R. B. Boylston, on account of 40th anniversary	100 00
	23.	Andrews, R. B., mileage and per diem	189 80
	23.	Anderson, H. G., mileage and per diem	107 80
	23.	Adams, George W., mileage and per diem	99 40
	23.	Barnum, E. M., mileage and per diem	712 00
	23.	Boylston, R. B., mileage and per diem	77 30
	23	Burnham, E. P., mileage and per diem	59 60
	23.	Banbury, T. M., mileage and per diem	113 80
	23.	Barry, A. S., mileage and per diem	108 80
	23.	Bailey, S. H., mileage and per diem	107 80
	23.	Barnes, A. A., mileage and per diem	77 70
	23.	Bailey, R., mileage and per diem	138 40
	23.	Bragg, T. F., mileage and per diem	159 80
	23.	Brown, Thomas, mileage and per diem	63 60
	23.	Barron, Q. H., mileage and per diem	112 40
	23.	Clark, H., mileage and per diem	57 40
	23.	Crutcher, W., mileage and per diem	138 90
	23.	Conley, B., mileage and per diem	85 70
	23.	Choat, D. C , mileage and per diem	67 50
	23.	Clemmer, J. H., mileage and per diem	74 20
	23.	Clements, J. T., mileage and per diem	19 00
	23.	Cook, W. H., mileage and per diem	185 30
	23.	Cassedy, G. W., mileage and per diem	34 20
	23.	Caldwell, R. A., mileage and per diem	66 20
	23.	Craighead, S., mileage and per diem	74 00
	23.	Damon, G , mileage and per diem	116 00
	23.	Dwinelle, J. W., mileage and per diem	50 20
	23.	Didama, S. A., mileage and per diem	104 50
	23.	Ellis, F. A., mileage and per diem	20 10
	23.	Earl, W. C., mileage and per diem	74 70
	23.	Fitzhugh, E. H., mileage and per diem	52 90
	23.	Fuller, E. G., mileage and per diem	119 50
	23.	Farnsworth, E. D., mileage and per diem	103 80
	23.	Garwood, G. W., mileage and per diem	610 30
	23.	Green, W. D., mileage and per diem	101 70
	23.	Garrett, W., mileage and per diem	116 20
	23.	Harvey, J. S., mileage and per diem	87 30
	23.	Herndon, M., mileage and per diem	94 70
	23.	Harper, W. B., mileage and per diem	140 30
	23.	Hemingray, J. C., mileage and per diem	151 80
	23.	Hardy, J., mileage and per diem	125 20
	23.	Hills, C. B., mileage and per diem	112 80
	23.	Hoke, W. J., mileage and per diem	76 40
	23.	Hunt, E. P., mileage and per diem	189 50
	23.	Jackson, C. C., mileage and per diem	42 50
	23.	Kendall, David, mileage and per diem	625 00
	23.	Kidder, J., mileage and per diem	60 80
	23.	Kennedy, John A., mileage and per diem	34 20
	23.	Lewyt, S. H., per diem	15 00
	23.	Lent, A., mileage and per diem	31 20
	23.	Langdon, D. C., mileage and per diem	34 20
	23.	Marley, Richard, per diem	15 00
	23.	Mills, J. M., mileage and per diem	87 10
	23.	Marsh, A. C., mileage and per diem	116 20
	23.	Marble, W., mileage and per diem	55 80
	23.	McKinley, J., mileage and per diem	81 00
	23.	Miller, C., mileage and per diem	91 20
	23.	Mitchell, E. mileage and per diem	81 80
	23.	McLean, W. R., mileage and per diem	19 00
	23.	Mason, W. B., mileage and per diem	86 70

Sept.	23.	Nixon, J. O., mileage and per diem	159 80
	23.	Nutter, C., mileage and per diem	65 60
	23.	Nicholson, J. B., mileage and per diem	24 80
	23.	Prall, W. H. H., mileage and per diem	49 20
	23.	Patten, George, mileage and per diem	99 40
	23.	Partridge, T., mileage and per diem	69 70
	23.	Phillips, J. H., mileage and per diem	25 70
	23.	Rand, Caleb, mileage and per diem	55 80
	23.	Rodney, J. D., mileage and per diem	30 50
	23.	Richardson, J., mileage and per diem	22 50
	23.	Repiton, A. P., mileage and per diem	59 20
	23.	Robinson, E. C., mileage and per diem	35 00
	23.	Robinson, I., mileage and per diem	25 00
	23.	Robinson, J. H., mileage and per diem	44 30
	23.	Shinkle, A., mileage and per diem	74 30
	23.	Stewart, J. H., mileage and per diem	89 20
	23.	Smith, H. W., mileage and per diem	78 00
	23.	Stetson, H. G., mileage and per diem	159 80
	23.	Scott, H. R., mileage and per diem	39 50
	23.	Storer, E. G., mileage and per diem	41 60
	23.	Strong, W. A., mileage and per diem	150 40
	23.	Stuart, F. D., mileage and per diem	19 00
	23.	Smith, S., mileage and per diem	52 20
	23.	Steere, T., mileage and per diem	53 90
	23.	Schiefer, J. F., mileage and per diem	122 80
	23.	Thayer, W., mileage and per diem	81 80
	23.	True, B. C., mileage and per diem	74 20
	23.	Taylor, W. P., mileage and per diem	24 80
	23.	McKinstry, A., mileage and per diem	140 30
	23.	Tucker, I. M., mileage and per diem	33 40
	23.	Veitch, I. M., mileage and per diem	107 80
	23.	Whitaker, J. S., mileage and per diem	28 80
	23.	Walker, H. K., mileage and per diem	103 80
	23.	White, David, mileage and per diem	58 70
	23.	Winchell, G. D., mileage and per diem	74 20
	23.	Woodruff, W. E., mileage and per diem	137 10
	23.	Woodward, B. B., mileage and per diem	111 30
	23.	White, P., mileage and per diem	610 00
	23.	Noble, O. J., mileage and per diem	159 60
	23.	Youlen, A., mileage and per diem	56 00
	23.	Zimmerman, L. C., mileage and per diem	26 50
	23.	Young, W. H., per diem	15 00
	23.	Escavaille, J. B., per diem	15 00
Sept.	20.	Chesapeake Bank, for collecting drafts	88
Sept.	27.	J. Vansant, discount on uncurrent funds	96
Oct.	1.	Chesapeake Bank, deduction on Australian draft	2 15
	4.	G. Mess. Chamberlain, postage, freight, &c	55 25
Sept.	28.	Chesapeake Bank, discount on note of Grand Lodge	13 56
Oct.	12.	John Barron, services at session of Grand Lodge	10 00
	12.	James Young, printing daily Journal, &c	600 78
	12.	Chesapeake Bank, discount on time drafts	1 01
Nov.	10.	Insurance on Grand Lodge furniture	13 50
	28.	G. F. Lewis, printing diplomas, &c	147 80
Dec.	1.	G. Sec. J. L. Ridgely, three months' services	300 00
	1.	G. Mess. Chamberlain, three months' services and office expenses	243 91
	1.	Chesapeake Bank, discounting note of Grand Lodge	10 12
	1.	Chesapeake Bank, collecting draft on New Jersey	50
	13.	James Young, on account printing revised Journal	500 00
	31.	James Young, on account printing revised Journal	200 00

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Jan.	4.	James Young, in full for printing revised Journal.....	599 91
	4.	Chesapeake Bank, discounting note of Grand Lodge.....	9 33
	13.	J. Vansant, discount on uncurrent funds.....	63
	26.	Note of Grand Lodge of United States	666 66
Feb.	10.	James Young, printing installations, &c.....	153 75
	27.	Note of Grand Lodge of United States.....	666 67
March	1.	G. Sec. J. L. Ridgely, three months' services.....	300 00
	1.	G. Mess. J. E. Chamberlain, three month's services.....	175 00
	1.	G. Mess. J. E. Chamberlain, postages, &c.....	20 75
	27.	Note of Grand Lodge of United States.....	666 67
May	12.	G. F. Lewis, printing diplomas.....	175 52
	22.	James Young, printing cards, &c.....	217 25
June	2.	G. Sec. J. L. Ridgely, three months' services.....	300 00
	2.	G. Mess. J. E. Chamberlain, three month's services.....	175 00
	2.	G. Mess J. E. Chamberlain, postages, &c.....	29 62
July	28.	J. Vansant, collecting draft on Alexandria.....	50
Aug.	3.	Grand Lodge of Maryland, rent, fuel, &c..... ..	275 00
	6.	J. W. Bond & Co., stationery.....	104 89
Sept.	1.	Charles Sachee, making book-case.....	90 00
	1.	G. Mess. J. E. Chamberlain, three months' services.....	175 00
	1.	G. Mess. J. E. Chamberlain, postages, &c.....	34 49
	1.	G. Sec. J. L. Ridgely, three months' services.....	300 00
	5.	J. M. Anderson & Son, printing cards.....	227 88
	17.	G. Treasurer, J. Vansant, twelve months' salary.....	200 00
			18,329 99
		Balance in treasury	12,146 65
			$30,476 64

This report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, moved the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the per diem for this session of the Grand Lodge of the United States be three dollars.

Resolved, That the mileage for members for this session be rated at five cents per mile, and that the same be calculated from the nearest mail route, unless it may appear to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem that there is a nearer traveled route, in which case the traveled route takes precedence.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved to amend the second resolution by striking out the word "five" and inserting "four," which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the resolutions they were adopted.

Rep. Youlen, of Massachusetts, submitted the following inquiry from the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

"Which officer is it the duty of to give the necessary certificate showing the standing in the Subordinate Lodge of candidates for admission into the Encampment branch of our Order?"

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That an appropriate obituary tablet be prepared, to be placed in the Journal, upon which shall be recorded, in a fitting manner, the decease of such members and ex-members of this Grand Lodge as shall be announced at each session of this Body.

Resolved, That such record upon the obituary tablet shall be in lieu of resolutions relative to the death of members and ex-members of this Grand Lodge, excepting P. G. Sires and elective officers.

Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to present a complete copy of the Proceedings of this R. W. Body to the Odd-Fellows' Library Association of the District of Columbia, and that he be further authorized to continue such presentation in future.

Rep. McLean, of District of Columbia, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Winchell, of Ohio, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Earle, of Ohio, presented his appeal from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Roberts, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to have —— copies of our Public Installation Books printed in German, for the use of the German Lodges in this jurisdiction.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved the following amendment to the By-Laws, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Amend Art. X of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge by adding thereto as follows: "And in default of such returns being made, and the dues thereon paid within ten days prior to the annual meetings of this Body, the Representatives from such delinquent Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments shall not be admitted to a seat in such annual meeting."

Rep. Starr, of Illinois, presented the following resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, which were referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives from this Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to use their influence in the Grand Lodge of the United States to procure the printing of the ceremony for the opening and closing of Degree Lodges in the German language.

WHEREAS there are several Lodges in this jurisdiction working in the German language which are desirous of having the opening and closing ceremonies of the Degree of Rebekah and the Funeral Service of the Order in their own language, in order to give the same the best effect among their own members, therefore

Resolved, That our Grand Representatives are hereby instructed to endeavor to procure from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, the printing of the above named work and service in the German language.

Rep. Starr, of Illinois, presented the following resolution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, and moved its reference to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Representatives from this Grand Lodge to the Grand Lodge of the United States are hereby instructed to use their influence at the next session of that Grand Body to procure the enactment of a law extending the privilege of the Degree of Rebekah to the daughters of the age of fifteen years or upwards of members of that degree.

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Walker, of Tennessee, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Walker, of Tennessee, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will, on Wednesday, at 12 o'clock M., visit in a body and pay its respects to Mrs. James K. Polk, of this city.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Tennessee, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Hall, of California, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed to examine the memorial and papers in the case of P. G. A. M. Winn, of California, forwarded under sanction of the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction, and report on the expediency of referring them to the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, inviting their attention thereto.

Rep. Welty, of California, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That it is proper for brothers of the Order to disclose the fact to persons not members of the Order of a brother having been expelled.

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS it appears from the report of the Committee on the State of the Order that the strict construction of the present laws of the Order on the subject of petitions for a dispensation to open a new Lodge are such as to embarrass the growth of the Order in many of the local jurisdictions of this Grand Lodge, therefore

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee of this Grand Lodge be and they are hereby instructed to inquire into the expediency of further legislation on that subject, so as to enable Ancient Odd-Fellows, under judicious restrictions, to become competent petitioners for a dispensation to open a new Lodge.

The R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary presented his supplemental report, as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, asks leave very respectfully to submit the following supplemental report:

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts by the Grand Secretary after the close of his Annual Report, up to and inclusive of September* 17, 1860.

GRAND LODGES.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Diplomas.	Miscellan's.	Repres. tax.	Total.
Southern New York.	$40 00	$10 00	.....	.....	.....	$150 00	$200 00
Wisconsin.....	27 88	25 00	.....	$12 50	$1 85	150 00	217 23
North Carolina.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	13 00	150 00	188 00
Lower Provinces ...	3 00	2 00	.....	12 50	.....	75 00	92 50
Canada West.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	75 00	80 00
Connecticut.....	.....	7 50	.....	.....	.....	150 00	157 50
Illinois.....	55 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55 00
District of Columbia.	35 00	.....	.....	50 00	.....	150 00	235 00
Tennessee.....	120 00	125 00	.....	100 00	.....	150 00	495 00
Northern New York.	40 00	47 50	$5 00	4 50	.....	150 00	247 00
Vermont.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Maine.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	160 00
Louisiana.....	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 00
Nebraska.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
California.....	36 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 25
Delaware.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 25
	392 13	252 25	5 00	179 50	14 85	1,650 00	2,493 73

AMOUNT OF SUPPLIES *sold from September* 20, 1859, *to September* 17, 1860, *showing cost of each article, selling price, and profits.*

Number of each article sold.	Sold for.	Cost price.	Profit
Cards, 22,705.....	$4,541 00	$256 44	$4,284 56
Diplomas, 3,062.....	1,535 25	367 44	1,167 81
Charge books, 557.....	1,392 50	89 10	1,303 40
Degree books, 220.....	550 00	44 00	506 00
Installation books, 915.....	915 00	118 95	796 05
Institution books, 37.....	45 00	5 92	39 08
Degree of Rebekah, 186.....	232 50	24 18	208 32
Encampment books, 146.....	365 00	36 50	328 50
Grand Encampment books, 7.....	8 75	.....	8 75
Odes, 6,777.....	338 85	67 77	271 08
Grand Lodge books, 4.....	8 00	80	7 20
Forms for opening and closing degree of Rebekah, 357.....	17 85	3 57	14 28
Digested Index, per resolution G L. U. S., 83	.....	.....	.....
Revised Journal, per resolution G. L. U. S., 131 vols.....	.....	.....	.....
Sold, 4 vols	10 05	.....	10 05
	$9,959 70	$1,014 67	$8,935 03

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts by the Grand Secretary, after the close of his Annual Report, up to and inclusive of September 17, 1860.*

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Cards.	Books.	Represent'e tax.	Total.
Southern New York	.....	.....	$75 00	$75 00
Wisconsin	.....	.....	27 34	27 34
Pennsylvania	.....	$15 00	150 00	165 00
Connecticut	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Tennessee	.....	25 00	75 00	100 00
Northern New York	.....	8 75	75 00	83 75
Virginia	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Texas	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Rhode Island	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Maine	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
District of Columbia	.....	1 25	75 00	76 25
Ohio	$40 00	.....	.....	40 00
	40 00	50 00	927 34	1,017 34

SUPPLEMENTARY RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary, continued.*

	Books.	Cards.	Dues.	Total.
Mambertou Encampment, No. 26	.....	.....	$8 50	$8 50
Parkersburg Lodge of Virginia	$0 10	$0 60	.....	70
	0 10	0 60	8 50	9 20

AMOUNT OF MONEY RECEIVED FOR THE WILDEY ANNUITY, *from September, 1859, to September, 1860.*

Grand Lodge of Illinois, for 1859	$40 00
Grand Lodge of Missouri, for 1860	40 00
Grand Lodge of Illinois, for 1860	40 00
Grand Lodge of South Carolina, for 1860	40 00
Grand Lodge of Maryland, for 1860	40 00
	$220 00

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

BALANCE	Statement	$179 00	$179 00
CARDS	Statement	3,865 87	
	Supplementary	432 73	4,298 60
BOOKS	Statement	3,241 05	
	Supplementary	302 35	3,543 40
ODES	Statement	330 25	
	Supplementary	5 00	335 25
DIPLOMAS	Statement	1,324 75	
	Supplementary	179 50	1,504 25
MISCELLANEOUS	Statement	15 45	
	Supplementary	14 85	30 30
DUES	Statement	581 26	
	Supplementary	8 50	589 76
REPRESENTATIVE TAX	Statement	5,025 00	
	Supplementary	2,577 34	7,602 34
TOTAL			18,082 90

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Supplies on hand September 19, 1859, *amount received since, amount sold during the year, and amount on hand September*, 17, 1860.

	Cards.	Degree of Rebekah.	Charge Books.	Degree Books.	Installation Books.	Institution Books.	Grand Lodge Books.	Encampment Books.	Grand Enc t Books.	Diplomas.	Odes.	Digested Index.	Revised Journal.	Forms, Deg. Lodges.
On hand Sept'r 19, 1859.....	12178	1148	639	1386	229	232	72	1395	44	255	21718	99	505	7223
Received during the year.....	19500	....	1000	....	1000	...	..	....	..	4006	.....	...	...	....
Total.....	31678	1148	1639	1386	1229	232	72	1395	44	4261	21718	99	505	7223
Sold during the year.....	22705	186	557	220	925	37	4	146	7	3062	6777	83	135	357
On hand Sept'r 17, 1860....	8973	962	1082	1166	314	195	68	1249	37	1199	14941	16	370	6866

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *G. Cor. and Rec. Sec'ry.*

SEPTEMBER 18, 1860.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1860.

LODGES.	No. of Lodges.	No. of initiations.	No. of rejections.	No. admitted by card.	No. withdrawn by card.	No. of reinstatements.	No. of suspensions.
G. L. Maryland.....	90	712	108	66	119	71	816
G. L. Massachusetts....	60	190	11	30	52	30	251
G. L. S. New York.....	115	630	15	58	94	75	669
G. L. Pennsylvania.....	504	4007	375	308	665	480	3435
G. L. Dis. of Columbia..	13	95	10	14	21	23	97
G. L. Delaware.....	28	212	29	12	40	32	.....
G. L. Ohio.....	347	1947	222	425	830	99	177
G. L. Louisiana.....	34	177	17	58	102	35	134
G. L. New Jersey.....	86	496	36	50	47	55	333
G. L. Kentucky.....	113	415	55	102	208	25	243
G. L. Virginia.....	89	374	40	95	193	53	71
G. L. Indiana.....	303	943	84	298	394	80	465
G. L. Mississippi.....	59	281	45	89	163	61	147
G. L. Missouri.....	130	772	140	254	353	59	390
G. L. Illinois.....	273	1179	102	414	573	216	1122
G. L. Connecticut.....	50	124	....	13	14	18	119
G. L. Texas.....	75	518	82	176	222	14	200
G. L. Tennessee.....	96	334	51	92	122	53	248
G. L. South Carolina....	19	165	17	12	41	13	37
G. L. Alabama.....	31	86	14	23	65	8	17
G. L. North Carolina...	32	78	10	10	55	16	107
G. L. Georgia.....	16	161	11	26	41	17	22
G. L. Maine.....	24	44	.....	5	5	.....	.....
G. L. New Hampshire..	23	93	.....	15	32	14	100
G. L. Michigan.....	62	205	33	40	66	83	253
G. L. Wisconsin.....	61	244	19	84	113	46	128
G. L. Vermont.....	11	11	.....	6	3	1	17
G. L. Iowa.....	114	422	46	150	260	57	356
G. L. Arkansas.....	17	150	39	60	40	4	54
G. L. Rhode Island.....	16	26	.....	2	3	18	45
G. L. N. New York....	496	610	46	93	124	175	992
G. L. Florida.....	9	31	3	9	8	2	9
G. L. Minnesota.....	9	55	5	18	27	9	27
G. L. California.....	98	836	107	523	490	67	353
G. L. Lower Provinces..	5	90	21	4	.....	.....	19
G. L. Canada West.....	13	96	4	14	19	6	72
G. L. Oregon.....	7	46	7	8	20	1	7
G. L. Nebraska.....	5	6	.....	13	4	1	20
G. L. Kansas.....	11	72	8	46	26	4	21
Sandwich Islands.....	1	15	2	2	7	1	4
New Mexico*.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Washington Territory..	1	2	.....	1	6	.....	.....
	3547	16,980	1814	3718	5667	2001	11,568

* No report.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30 1860, *continued.*

LODGES.	No. of expulsions.	No. of deaths.	No. of members.	No. of brothers relieved.	No. of widowed families relieved.	Amount paid for the relief of brothers.
G. L. Maryland	13	145	12,128	1788	207	$31,239 67
G. L. Massachusetts	2	49	4602	268	118	8,805 68
G. L. S. New York	17	95	7345	1127	335	24,782 30
G. L. Pennsylvania	81	393	41,769	5199	666	81,983 19
G. L. Dis. of Columbia	3	13	1371	212	55	2,849 00
G. L. Delaware	.....	13	1939	210	18	3,054 08
G. L. Ohio	1067	160	22,332	1580	270	24,905 71
G. L. Louisiana	26	51	2337	189	58	4,930 00
G. L. New Jersey	12	34	4864	412	58	8,846 79
G. L. Kentucky	18	46	5151	378	91	7,677 16
G. L. Virginia	329	49	5217	477	59	8,458 04
G. L. Indiana	50	79	8965	1119	73	13,453 05
G. L. Mississippi	24	26	1710	73	14	850 85
G. L. Missouri	16	42	4918	257	46	4,496 93
G. L. Illinois	525	71	9810	656	106	69,023 01
G. L. Connecticut	.....	13	1493	173	14	4,613 65
G. L. Texas	11	56	3045	206	2	4,000 00
G. L. Tennessee	74	22	2700	.....	.....	2,430 41
G. L. South Carolina	2	18	1569	111	64	2,964 50
G. L. Alabama	1	17	976	45	21	633 27
G. L. North Carolina	11	11	1026	47	9	517 44
G. L. Georgia	2	16	1066	85	21	1,149 00
G. L. Maine	.....	8	1187	81	13	2,768 00
G. L. New Hampshire	4	24	1641	151	8	2,991 93
G. L. Michigan	2	5	1686	56	28	559 96
G. L. Wisconsin	84	12	1722	23	5	581 22
G. L. Vermont	.....	1	271	10	1	154 00
G. L. Iowa	29	19	3756	156	26	1,951 15
G. L. Arkansas	12	13	750	.....	.....	265 00
G. L. Rhode Island	.....	7	694	42	14	1,542 70
G. L. N. New York	15	39	8454	572	112	8,450 25
G. L. Florida	.....	2	229	13	1	173 00
G. L. Minnesota	.....	3	330	13	5	137 00
G. L. California	19	32	5091	521	18	16,961 31
G. L. Lower Provinces	.....	2	205	10	1	50 00
G. L. Canada West	48	6	534	.....	.....	668 00
G. L. Oregon	1	1	318	3	.....	210 00
G. L. Nebraska	20	.....	158	1	.....	34 00
G. L. Kansas	3	1	370	5	.....	250 00
Sandwich Islands	3	3	60	7	1	387 00
New Mexico*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Washington Territory	.....	.....	29	.....	.....	.....
	2524	1597	173,818	16.276	2538	$349.693 35

* No report.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grana Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1860, *continued.*

LODGES.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.	Amount paid for the education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount of the annual receipts.
G. L. Maryland	$14,428 04	$4,217 46	$7,270 71	$88,986 26
G. L. Massachusetts	2,893 78	25 00	1,496 73	26,215 22
G. L. S. New York	5,003 13	386 83	3,975 90	64,134 63
G. L. Pennsylvania	8,216 07	382 93	14,416 91	239,926 48
G. L. Dis. of Columbia	857 50	719 28	434 00	9,056 83
G. L. Delaware	221 56	.....	793 74	11,241 60
G. L. Ohio	5,022 49	83 52	4,838 33	112,662 90
G. L. Louisiana	3,956 75	377 75	2,416 60	31,184 60
G. L. New Jersey	1,113 04	430 23	1,471 75	29,387 15
G. L. Kentucky	1,963 88	207 05	1,631 15	31,449 10
G. L. Virginia	1,949 91	1,165 77	1,856 61	25,133 68
G. L. Indiana	1,020 55	953 57	2,854 25	71,483 34
G. L. Mississippi	480 12	265 00	614 00	14,127 69
G. L. Missouri	1,288 21	392 25	631 25	42,709 26
G. L. Illinois	1,645 13	319 22	1,104 80	56,448 06
G. L. Connecticut	208 50	15 09	441 26	11,846 29
G. L. Texas	48 00	50 00	1,100 00	28,787 00
G. L. Tennessee	1,248 67	.....	758 14	18,878 54
G. L. South Carolina	2,775 60	584 00	508 00	10,482 99
G. L. Alabama	863 50	679 59	590 60	8,909 04
G. L North Carolina	275 36	376 19	182 92	6,300 10
G. L. Georgia	1,191 90	484 65	354 51	6,924 35
G. L. Maine	180 00	24 00	180 00	4,611 00
G. L. New Hampshire	103 50	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Michigan	383 38	3 00	192 00	4,452 68
G. L. Wisconsin	79 00	.....	185 00	7,589 78
G. L. Vermont	.....	.....	45 00	969 37
G. L. Iowa	402 99	42 82	526 00	18,793 21
G. L. Arkansas	50 00	37 60	150 00	5,782 58
G. L. Rhode Island	345 67	9 47	165 00	3,983 78
G. L. N. New York	2,168 70	158 60	1,270 00	31,100 72
G. L. Florida	120 00	117 00	60 00	1,795 76
G. L. Minnesota	80 50	.....	96 40	1,851 58
G. L. California	1,252 36	174 20	2,024 50	121,125 25
G. L. Lower Provinces	40 00	.....	60 00	1,200 00
G. L. Canada West	480 00	.....	190 00	3,571 00
G. L. Oregon	.....	.....	50 00	4,298 75
G. L. Nebraska	.....	.....	.....	389 00
G. L. Kansas	.....	.....	30 00	3,377 05
Sandwich Islands	75 00	.....	50 00	1,916 05
New Mexico*	.....	.....	.....	.....
Washington Territory	.....	.....	.....	324 62
	$62,342 79	$12,682 07	$55,016 06	$1,163,407 29

* No report.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1860.

ENCAMPMENTS.	No. of Subordinates.	No. of initiations.	No. of rejections.	No. admitted by card.	No. withdrawn by card.	No. of reinstatements.	No. of suspensions.	No. of expulsions.	No. of deaths.	No. of members.	No. of members relieved.
G. E. Maryland.....	10	82	3	19	35	11	62	....	20	1543	261
G. E. Pennsylvania.....	89	374	8	17	83	27	191	5	56	5365	744
G. E. S. New York.....	12	44	..	3	10	5	45	1	5	451	36
G. E. Ohio.....	83	401	17	70	110	18	9	159	26	4378	357
G. E. Kentucky.....	23	116	2	8	16	...	11	3	1	602	47
G. E. Virginia.....	31	39	..	....	15	2	1	19	7	1078	46
G. E. Connecticut.....	4	38	..	4	....	...	29	....	2	213	5
G. E. New Jersey.....	14	63	1	24	10	12	34	1	2	367	35
G. E. South Carolina...	4	23	..	....	....	...	6	....	....	200	7
G. E. Massachusetts.....	14	60	..	2	10	3	39	....	9	787	54
G. E. Maine.....	6	14	..	....	....	5	4	....	....	160	8
G. E. New Hampshire...	6	26	..	....	1	3	7	1	1	259	9
G. E. Missouri.....	29	177	2	19	25	3	26	1	5	614	23
G. E. Dis. of Columbia..	4	38	..	6	4	3	30	1	2	318	37
G. E. Georgia.....	5	51	2	1	9	4	5	....	....	257	7
G. E. North Carolina....	10	14	..	3	....	...	10	....	1	87	.....
G. E. Indiana.....	61	143	6	20	39	7	45	5	17	1871	153
G. E. Michigan.....	9	23	..	6	4	...	22	....	....	109	.....
G. E. Tennessee.....	22	55	1	9	8	..	60	12	7	326	34
G. E. Mississippi*.....	16	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. Louisiana.....	6	19	..	5	9	1	13	1	9	264	5
G. E. Alabama.....	5	20	..	6	....	....	....	...	6	200	6
G. E. Wisconsin	11	19	..	5	10	3	8	1	2	215	.....
G. E. Rhode Island.....	6	18	..	1	3	16	13	....	1	192	1
G. E. N. New York	74	103	5	14	8	4	71	....	2	880	36
G. E. Illinois.....	43	144	..	15	27	6	71	28	7	1028	16
G. E. Iowa.....	17	30	2	6	11	...	18	2	5	446	12
G, E. Texas.....	17	38	..	....	1	...	3	....	5	368	2
G. E. California.....	20	179	2	30	69	5	42	1	2	630	12
Delaware.....	6	11	..	....	10	3	28	....	4	192	18
Sandwich Islands.....	1	9	..	1	5	...	2	....	1	30	.....
Arkansas†.....	4	10	1	1	6	...	1	4	1	72	.....
Vermont‡.....	3	1	..	....	....	...	....	....	....	32	.....
Florida.....	2	24	..	1	1	...	....	....	1	48	.....
Minnesota.....	1	4	..	1	3	2	....	....	....	28	.....
Low. Provinces B.N.A...	1	6	..	....	....	...	7	....	1	14	.....
Oregon.....	1	2	..	....	....	...	....	1	....	29	.....
Kansas.....	1	11	1	2	1	...	....	....	....	21	.....
	671	2429	53	299	543	143	913	246	209	23,674	1871

* No report. † Three reported. ‡ Two reported.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1860, *continued.*

ENCAMPMENTS.	No. of widowed families relieved.	Amount paid for the relief of members.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.	Amount paid for the education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount of the annual receipts.
G. E. Maryland	13	$4,300 63	$1,116 69	.....	$835 00	$8,173 86
G. E. Pennsylvania	38	11,609 48	386 35	.....	2,393 07	24,688 06
G. E. S. New York	1	743 98	20 00	.....	105 00	2,320 44
G. E. Ohio	13	5,738 00	301 25	.....	500 00	21,022 26
G. E. Kentucky	4	7,113 50	70 00	.....	20 00	2,718 82
G. E. Virginia	2	385 00	53 99	.....	196 00	1,639 70
G. E. Connecticut	....	53 00	.....	.....	.....	820 62
G. E. New Jersey	2	305 64	20 00	.....	.....	1,165 80
G. E. South Carolina	2	39 00	30 00	.....	.....	579 88
G. E. Massachusetts	....	828 92	.....	.....	80 00	1,110 92
G. E. Maine	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	266 00
G. E. New Hampshire	1	92 00	10 00	.....	.....	405 41
G. E. Missouri	....	311 50	.....	.....	.....	5,556 90
G. E. Dis. of Columbia	....	564 00	.....	.....	77 75	1,363 98
G. E. Georgia	1	62 00	12 00	.....	20 00	920 96
G. E. North Carolina	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	340 65
G. E. Indiana	3	1,556 00	199 25	.....	335 00	7,185 42
G. E. Michigan	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	224 00
G. E. Tennessee	....	58 13	.....	.....	.....	2,107 00
G. E. Mississippi*	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Louisiana	1	56 00	90 00	.....	30 00	1,640 30
G. E. Alabama	4	78 00	114 00	....	.....	105 67
G. E. Wisconsin	....	.....	.....	.....	60 00	446 56
G. E. Rhode Island	....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	602 08
G. E. N. New York	2	536 50	5 00	10 00	.....	2,002 58
G. E. Illinois	4	120 00	55 00	....	40 00	2,705 26
G. E. Iowa	....	95 00	.....	.....	.....	1,038 75
G. E. Texas	....	43 00	.....	.....	.....	2,300 00
G. E. California	....	339 00	.....	.....	47 00	11,198 36
Delaware	....	178 00	.....	.....	.....	797 60
Sandwich Islands	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	481 37
Arkansas†	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	572 50
Vermont‡	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Florida	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	357 53
Minnesota	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	79 10
Lower Provinces B. N. A.	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	72 00
Oregon	....	.....	.....	....	.....	285 00
Kansas	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	181 40
	91	$35,222 28	$1,483 53	10 00	$4,738 82	107,496 74

* No report. † Three reported. ‡ Two reported.

Rep. Lent, of Southern New York, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That hereafter the District Deputy Grand Master shall be received with the honors of the Order when visiting a Subordinate Lodge officially.

The Chair announced the appointment of Rep. Granniss, of Georgia, on the Committee of Finance, vice H. M. Bailey, of Mississippi, absent.

The Chair announced the following as the Special Committee provided for by the resolution of Rep. Hall, of California: Reps. Hall, of California, Strong, of Mississippi, Escavaille, of Maryland, Nutter, of Maine, Brown, of New Hampshire.

On motion of Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, the Lodge resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the pending amendments to the Constitution, Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, in the chair.

After some hours deliberation the committee rose, and the M. W. Grand Sire resumed the chair, when Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, chairman of the committee, reported as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of the Whole, to whom were referred the two amendments to the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge proposed by P. G. Sire Kennedy, (page 3125.) also the pending amendment to the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge proposed by Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, (page 3135,) and also a communication on the same subject presented by the R. W. Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, respectfully report, that the said committee have gone through the matters committed to them, and recommend the adoption of the first of P. G. Sire Kennedy's amendments; that they report back the other matters committed to them without action, and ask to be discharged from their further consideration.

JOHN W. DWINELLE, *Chairman.*

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, moved that the report be received, and the committee discharged, which was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. Hoke, of North Carolina, the consideration of the amendment to the Constitution, recommended by the Committee of the Whole, was made the special order for ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committeee, to whom was referred the following resolution, offered by Rep. Lent, of Southern New York, namely:

Resolved, That heraſter District Deputy Grand Masters shall be received with the honors of the Order when visiting Subordinate Lodges officially:

Beg leave to report, that the above resolution expresses the exist-

ing law. A District Deputy Grand Master, when visiting a Lodge within his district, and announcing himself as Grand Master on official business, is a titular Grand Master, and entitled to all the honors of that office, which, on such an occasion, he is not permitted to disclaim or refuse to receive. The converse of the proposition is equally true, that when visiting a Lodge in an unofficial character, merely as a sitting member, or as a visiting brother, he is not entitled to demand, nor is the Lodge permitted to force upon him the honors of the Order. But, inasmuch as the existing law on this subject has in some instances been misconstrued, your committee recommend the adoption of the above resolution by the R. W. Grand Lodge.

JOHN W. DWINELLE,
R. A. CALDWELL,
THOMAS STEERE,
WM. H. YOUNG,
J. O. NIXON.

Rep. Caldwell, of North Carolina, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following resolutions—

From the jurisdiction of Massachusetts as follows:

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be and are hereby instructed to present to that Grand Body the desire of this jurisdiction to have the five degrees of the Subordinate Lodges so remodeled and revised that the conferring of such upon candidates be accompanied by appropriate and expressive scenic illustrations.

From the jurisdiction of Ohio as follows:

That the Representatives from this jurisdiction to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be and are hereby instructed to present to that Grand Body the desire of this jurisdiction to have the five degrees of the Subordinate Lodges so remodeled and revised that the conferring of such upon candidates be accompanied by appropriate and expressive scenic illustrations.

From the jurisdiction of Maine as follows:

That our R. W. Grand Representatives be instructed to use their best endeavors in the Grand Lodge of the United States to have the old work restored in the Subordinate Lodges.

And from the jurisdiction of North Carolina a similar resolution, with similar instructions to her Grand Representatives:

Beg leave to report: That they have considered the same, and submit the following as the result of their deliberations.

By reference to the Journal of our proceedings it will appear that the subject embraced in the above resolutions has again and again been brought to the attention of this Grand Body. Other jurisdictions than those above mentioned have pressed this matter upon the consideration of this Grand Body, and urged a revision and consolidation of the

secret work of the Order as essentially nccessary to secure the perpetuity of the institution, and thereby the fulfilment of the ends it has proposed. Believing that the general sentiment of the Order throughout its extensive jurisdiction favors a change, the committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report to the next session of this body some definite specific plan for the revision and consolidation of the secret work of the Order.

Resolved, That in the appointment of this committee the M. W. Grand Sire shall not be restricted to the members of this Lodge, but shall have power to make the selection from Past Grand members who have attained the royal purple degree.

Resolved, That the actual expenses incurred by this committee in the discharge of their duties shall be audited and paid by the Grand Secretary of this Body at the next annual session of the same.

R. A. CALDWELL,
THOMAS STEERE,
WM. H. YOUNG,
J. W. DWINELLE.

Rep. McLean, of the District of Columbia, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That eight hundred additional copies of the Grand Sire's report be printed and distributed among the members of this Grand Body.

JOHN HARDY,
D. P. WHITE,
W. R. McLEAN,
RICH. MARLEY,
CHRIS MILLER.

Rep. Steere, of Rhode Island, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the preamble and resolution to be found on page 2976 of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, having given the same that consideration which the circumstances of the case permit, would respectfully report:

That no data have been furnished your committee upon which they can predicate an opinion as to the necessity of legislation in regard to the subject embraced in said resolution, and that upon comparing the aforesaid preamble with the report of the Committee on the State of the Order upon which the said resolution is based, we find that in said report the necessity of legislation is only intimated as possibly necessary for a local object, and not at all recommended, as now, for the benefit of the Order at large.

We therefore report that we do not find that at this time further legislation in this regard is necessary.

THOMAS STEERE,
JOHN W. DWINELLE,
WM. H. YOUNG,
R. A. CALDWELL,
J. O. NIXON.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions ask leave to report that they have carefully considered the following documents, referred to them by order of the Grand Lodge, viz:

Amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.
Amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio.
Amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.
Amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois; and
Amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania,

And finding them all to be in conformity with the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Body, we respectfully recommend that they be severally approved.

F. A. ELLIS,
WILLIAM MARBLE,
WM. J. HOKE,
L. B. HILLS.

On motion of Rep. Richardson, of Delaware, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

EDWD. H. FITZHUGH..R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, presiding
WILLIAM THAYER.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. A. PAUL REPITON.R. W. Grand Chaplain.
ISAAC M. TUCKER.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
SOLOMON H. LEWYT...W. Grand Guardian.
JNO. E. CHAMBERLAIN.W. Grand Messenger.

And a quorum of jurisdictions.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. A. Paul Repiton, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. Mason, of Kentucky, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Starr, of Illinois, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to which was referred a resolution of inquiry from the Grand Lodge of Alabama: "Can the widows of deceased Odd-Fellows who were in good standing at the time of death receive the degree of Rebekah?" ask leave to report that officers of Subordinate Lodges may confer the degree of Rebekah upon widows of Odd-Fellows in good standing after application in open Lodge.

JAMES E. STARR,
J. S. HARVEY,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
FRED. D. STUART,
R. B. BOYLSTON.

Rep. Burnham, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee, to whom was referred the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Illinois requesting the printing in the German language of the ceremony for the opening and closing of the Degree Lodges, the opening and closing ceremony of the Rebekah Degree, and the funeral service of the Order, respectfully report that, in view of the present condition of our treasury, said printing is inexpedient.

EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
E. C. GRANNISS,
J. H. ROBINSON.

Rep. Jacob H. Robinson, of Virginia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Roberts, of Indiana, instructing the Grand Secretary to have the form of public installation printed in the German language, respectfully report that owing to the embarrassed condition of the treasury it is inexpedient to adopt the resolution.

E. C. GRANNISS,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
J. H. ROBINSON.

Rep. Mason, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of the Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island, asking to be permitted to hold its sessions at any place within the jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge, have had the same under consideration, and would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island be and is hereby permitted to hold its sessions at any place within the jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge, as they may now be held in the city of Providence.

W. B. MASON,
A. S. IREDALE,
JOS. RICHARDSON, JR.

Rep. Mason, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of the Grand Encampment of the State of South Carolina, praying to be permitted to hold a session of said Grand Encampment in the city of Charleston, in said State, on the 15th day of January, 1861, and adjourn to meet in Columbia, in said State, on Wednesday, the 16th day of January, 1861, have had the same under consideration, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the request of said Grand Encampment be granted, and that she is hereby authorized and permitted to hold said session, and adjourn to meet at Columbia, as set forth in said petition.

W. B. MASON,
A. S. IREDALE,
JOS. RICHARDSON, JR.

Rep. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the returns of the Grand and Subordinate Bodies under the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge, ask leave to report that they have examined the reports of the following Grand Lodges, viz:

Correct.—Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, Delaware, Kentucky, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Texas, California, Oregon, Lower Provinces.

Incorrect.—Michigan, names and causes of expulsion not given, and cause of suspension not given; Ohio, North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, Northern New York, Nebraska, all for the same reasons; Connecticut, Minnesota, and South Carolina, causes of suspension omitted; New Hampshire, Southern New York, Pennsylvania, Dis-

trict of Columbia, Virginia, Louisiana, and Kansas, names of expelled members not given; Wisconsin, names and causes of expulsion not given; Maryland, for same reasons; Arkansas, number of brothers relieved not stated, or names of expelled stated; Vermont, seal pasted on and cause of suspension not stated; Oregon, no date and cause of suspension not stated; Canada West, number of brothers relieved and names of expelled not stated.

We have also examined the reports of the following Grand Encampments, and find them correct, viz: Northern New York; New Jersey, two reports; California; Iowa; Illinois; Michigan; New Hampshire; Louisiana; Alabama; Massachusetts; Indiana; South Carolina; Maine; Connecticut; District of Columbia; Rhode Island; Georgia; Ohio; Missouri; Kentucky, and Maryland. And the following Grand Encampments incorrect, viz: Texas, no date; Virginia, names of expelled members not given; North Carolina, signature of Grand Patriarch not attached; Tennessee, names of expelled members not given; Pennsylvania for same reasons.

The following Lodges, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, are incorrect, viz: Excelsior Lodge, No. 1. Sandwich Islands, time and place of meeting not given, and not signed by the V. G., three returns; Olympia Lodge, No. 1, Washington Territory, no seal, and time and place of meeting not given.

Also, the following Encampments, viz: Ellison Encampment, No. 1, Oregon, two reports; Ancilla Encampment, No. 2, and Chipola Encampment, No. 3, Florida, two returns, time and places of meeting not given; Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, Minnesota, two returns; Mambertou Encampment, No. 26, Halifax, amount of per centage short eighty-four cents; Polynesian Encampment, No. 1, Honolulu, seal pasted on and time and place of meeting not given; Olympia Encampment, No. 1, Washington Territory, no seal, and time and place of meeting not given; Delaware Encampment, No. 1, no time or place of meeting given; McDonald Encampment, No. 2, Delaware, Reynolds, No. 3, two reports; Sussex, No. 4, three reports; Kirkwood, No. 6, two reports, time and place of meeting not given; Kirkwood, No. 6, one report without seal.

Your committee would further report that the proposed amendment to the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge, offered by Rep Earl, of Ohio, is a matter which properly should go to the Legislative Committee, and we therefore recommend such reference. All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. D. FARNSWORTH,
H. K. SCOTT,
EDWARD MITCHELL,
B. B. WOODWARD,
MILTON HERNDON.

Rep Clark, of Vermont, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to which was referred the annual report of the M. W. Grand Sire, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein contained to the appropriate committees, respectfully report:

First. That the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

Second. That so much as relates to the financial condition of the Grand Lodge be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Third. That so much of the Grand Secretary's report as relates to to the re-publication of the Journal and Digest of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States be referred to the Committee on Printing.

HENRY CLARK,
THOS. HUGHES,
W. L. BOYDSTON.

On motion of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, the rule was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. Burnham, of Maine, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Grand Sire to report to this R. W. Grand Body any unfinished business that may appear upon the Journal for 1859.

Rep. Boylston, of S. C., from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was laid upon the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred the decisions of the Grand Sire, made during the recess, embodied in his annual report, ask leave to report:

That they have carefully considered the same, and find the *second*, *third*, *fifth*, *sixth*, *seventh* and *ninth* decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire to be in conformity with the law of the Order, and recommend their approval, severally.

As to the *first* decision, the committee approve the conclusion attained by the Grand Sire, in the particular case, and recommend that the same be confirmed. But they are unable to concur in that portion of the reasoning that is set forth which induces the Grand Sire to regard "the law of 1828" as having superior efficacy to the "action of the Grand Lodge" in 1859. The committee think that the proceeding at the last session was possibly erroneous and hasty, and would probably not have been taken had the resolutions of 1828 been brought to the notice of the Grand Lodge. But the adoption of the report in 1859 operated, *pro tanto*, as a repeal of the law of 1828, entirely within the competency of this body, the law referred to not being organic in its character. This view, however, is only submitted to prevent the action in this particular case being hereafter made a general precedent.

As to the *fourth* decision, the committee find the law to be that the degree of Rebekah is conferred on the wives of scarlet members, in good standing, as a matter of course, and they therefore find themselves compelled to recommend that this decision be reversed.

As to the first response of the Grand Sire in his *eighth* decision, the committee concur. But on the second point they find the law to be, that persons, who, from no fault of their own, are illegally initiated, cannot be discharged from membership for that reason, but are entitled to all the rights enjoyed by other members of similar rank, and the same rule governs the case of an unworthy person who may have been inadvertently admitted. (Digest 307, section 17.) This law acts with stronger force in the case presented. But such being the law, the committee recommend that the second response be reversed.

R. B. BOYLSTON,
J. S. HARVEY,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
FRED. D. STUART,
JAMES E. STARR.

Rep. McKinstry, of Alabama, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was laid upon the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom were referred the four resolutions offered by Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, (page 3206 of the Journal,) and the resolution offered by Rep. D. W. Welty, of California, beg leave to report:

That in their opinion each and every of these resolutions are in effect, and in fact, *inquiries* as to what are the laws and usages of the Order, and inasmuch as they are not before this Grand Lodge by appeal, nor presented by any Grand Lodge or Encampment, your committee are not permitted to respond to them, as that would be in violation of article twenty-nine of the by-laws.

Your committee beg leave to add that if these resolutions are not queries, to ascertain what is the law of the Order, they are resolutions to make laws by this Grand Body, and therefore not within the proper powers of this standing committee.

ALEX. McKINSTRY,
J. S. HARVEY,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
F. D. STUART,
JAMES E. STARR.

Rep. Harvey, of Indiana, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report, which was laid upon the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following inquiry, propounded by the Grand Encampment of the State of Massachusetts, viz: "Which officer is it the duty of, to give the necessary certificate showing the standing in the Subordinate Lodge, of candidates for admission into the Encampment branch of our Order?" report:

That the certificate of either the Recording Secretary or the Permanent or Financial Secretary of a Subordinate Lodge, under the seal of the Lodge, of the standing, &c. of a member thereof, is sufficient evidence for the Encampment to act upon, but that local legislation may make it exclusively the duty of either Secretary.

J. S. HARVEY,
R. B. BOYLSTON,
ALEX. McKINSTRY,
FRED. D. STUART,
JAMES E. STARR.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the copies of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary's report published and ready for delivery be placed on the desks of the members for their use and distribution.

The Chair announced the following as the Special Committee on Unfinished Business, viz: Reps. Burnham, of Maine, Rodney, of Delaware, and Froment, of Southern New York.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions ask leave to report that they have carefully examined the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, also the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and the amendment to the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, referred to them by the order of this Grand Body, and, finding them to be in conformity with the Constitution and Law of this Grand Lodge, respectfully recommend that they be severally approved.

F. A. ELLIS,
WM. J. HOKE,
WM. MARBLE,
L. B. HILLS.

Rep. Mason, of Kentucky, moved that the resolution adopted yesterday, fixing ten o'clock this day for the consideration of the amendment to the Constitution recommended by the report of the Committee of the Whole, be reconsidered.

On motion of Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, the motion to reconsider was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Young, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the copies of the engraving of the new and elegant Capitol Building of the State of Tennessee, in which this Grand Lodge is now in session, and the accompanying report, presented to the members of the Grand Lodge by Samuel D. Morgan, Esq., chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the Tennessee State Capitol, be accepted, and that our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to said Board of Commissioners.

On motion of Rep. Earl, of Ohio, (the rule being suspended for that purpose,) the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Committee on Returns made this day on the subject of a proposed amendment to the by-laws offered by him.

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, so much of the report as proposes to refer the said amendment to the by-laws to the Legislative Committee, was laid on the table.

On motion of Rep. Earl, of Ohio, to adopt the proposed amendment to the by-laws, it was resolved in the negative, (two-thirds not voting as required by the nineteenth article of the Constitution, in the affirmative.) The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Adams, Anderson, Archer, Blake, Boylston, Caldwell, Carlton, Clark of North Carolina, Clarke of Vermont, Conley, Dennis, Earl, Farnsworth, Fuller, Granniss, Hardy, Harper, Harris, Hills, Hoke, Hughes, Hunt of Texas, Iglehart, Lamb, Lamberton, Magee, Mason, Meriam, Miller, Mills, Nicholson, Nixon, Noble, Partridge, Phillips, Pond. Richardson of Delaware, Richardson of Tennessee, E. C. Robinson, Israel Robinson, J. H. Robinson, Rodney, Rogers, Schiefer, Scott, Shinkle, Starr, Stetson, Strong, Taylor, Thayer, True, Veitch, Winchell, Woodward, Young—56.

NAYS.—Reps. Andrews, Barron, Boydston, Bragg, Brown, Burnham, Clements, Dwinelle, Ellis, Escavaille, Froment, Hall, Harvey, Herndon, Hunt of Michigan, Iredale, Kennedy, Kidder, Krogman, Lent, McKinstry, McLean, Marble, Marley, Mitchell, Nutter, Prall, Roberts, Smith of Michigan, Smith of Rhode Island, Steere, Smart, Stuart, Walker, Welty, White, Youlen—37.

Rep Herndon, of Indiana, presented a communication from Samuel L. Adams, of Kentucky, which was referred to the Committee of Appeals.

The hour fixed for the consideration of the special order (ten o'clock) having arrived, the Lodge proceeded to that subject, viz: the proposed amendments to the Constitution recommended by the Committee of the Whole, as follows:

Amend the second section of the ninth article of the Constitution so that it shall read as follows:

"SECTION 2. Every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing shall be entitled to one vote in the Grand Lodge; every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing shall be entitled to two votes; and no State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than one Grand Representative at the same time: Provided, however, that any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be entitled to as many Grand Representatives as it may have votes, on assuming the payment of the mileage and per diem of the additional Grand Representative."—*page* 3125.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, Rep. Boydston, of Nebraska, moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the proposed amendment to the Constitution?"

The yeas and nays were taken.

Before announcing the result several Representatives having, in the absence of their colleagues, cast two votes, Rep. Dwinelle raised the point of order that there was no authority for the claim of two votes by any Representative.

The Chair ruled that in obedience to the former decisions of the Grand Lodge, as reported in the Digest, a member representing a jurisdiction entitled to two Representatives might cast two votes in the absence of his colleague, except in the election for Grand Officers.

Rep. Dwinelle appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the question being, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of this Grand Lodge?" it was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays on the resolution to adopt the proposed amendment to the Constitution appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Anderson, Archer, Barron, Blake, Boydston, Burnham, Caldwell, Clark of Vermont, Conley, Dwinelle, Escavaille, Froment, Fuller, Hills, Hunt of Texas, Iglehart, Iredale, Kennedy, Kidder, Krogman, Lamb, (2 votes,) Lamberton, Lent, Magee, Marble, Meriam, Nicholson, Noble, Nutter, Phillips, Richardson of Delaware, Rodney, Schiefer, Starr, (2 votes,) Taylor, Veitch, Walker, White, Youlen—41.

NAYS.—Reps. Andrews, Bragg, Brown, Carlton, Clark of North Carolina, Clements, Davis, Dennis, Earl, Ellis, Farnsworth, Granniss, (2 votes,) Hall, Hardy, Harris, Harvey, Herndon, Hoke, Hughes, Hunt of Michigan, McKinstry, McLean, Marley, Mason, Miller, Mills, Mitchell, Nixon, (2 votes,) Partridge, Pond, Prall, Richardson of Tennessee, Roberts, E. C. Robinson, (2 votes,) J. H. Robinson, Rogers, Scott, Shinkle, Smith of Michigan, Smith of Rhode Island, (2 votes,) Smart, Strong, Stuart, Thayer, (2 votes,) True, Welty, Winchell, Woodward, Young—56.

So the proposed amendment to the Constitution was rejected, three-fourths not voting in the affirmative.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions ask leave to report that they have had under consideration the constitution of Chipola Encampment, No. 3, held at Marianna, Florida, and respectfully recommend that the said Encampment be directed to strike out of the third section of article fifth all after the word "meeting," in the fourth line, to the word "which" in the eleventh line, inclusive, and insert after the word "which," in the eleventh line, the word "when." With this correction, we respectfully recommend that the said constitution be approved.

F. A. ELLIS,
WILLIAM MARBLE,
WM. J. HOKE,
L. B. HILLS.

On motion, the Lodge adjourned until three o'clock P. M.

THREE O'CLOCK P. M.

The Lodge re-assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, Edward H. Fitzhugh, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, presiding; all the Grand Officers and a quorum of jurisdictions.

Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of the United States having on Monday, the 17th instant, accepted an invitation from the members of the Order in the city of Nashville to visit the "Hermitage" on Thursday, the 20th instant, and will not therefore be in session, it is hereby

Resolved, That the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States receive no per diem for Thursday, the 20th instant, and that the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem are hereby instructed to report *no* per diem as due members for that day.

Rep. Mason, of Kentucky, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Blake, Boydston, Brown, Burnham, Caldwell, Clements, Conley, Dennis, Fuller, Hardy, Harris, Herndon, Hoke, (2 votes,) Hughes, Hunt of Michigan, Lamb, Lamberton, McLean, Magee, Marble, Mason, Mills, Mitchell, Nutter, Partridge, Phillips, Pond, Richardson of Tennessee, Roberts, Schiefer, Starr, Smart, Stuart, Taylor, Walker, Youlen—37.

NAYS.—Reps. Anderson, Archer, Barron, Boylston, Bragg, Carlton, Clarke of Vermont, Davis, Dwinelle, Earl, (2 votes,) Ellis, Escavaille, Farnsworth, Froment, Granniss, Hall, Harvey, (2 votes,) Hills, Hunt of Texas, (2 votes,) Iglehart, Iredale, Kennedy, Kidder, Krogman, Marley, Meriam, Nicholson, Noble, Prall, Richardson of Delaware, I. Robinson, J. H. Robinson, Rodney, Rogers, Scott, Shinkle, Smith of Michigan, Smith of Rhode Island, (2 votes,) Thayer, True, Veitch, Welty, White, Woodward, Young—50.

The question being on the resolution of Rep. Escavaille—

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved to amend by striking out all after the word "resolved," and inserting the following:

"That, in view of the present embarrassments of the Grand Lodge, the resolution adopted on Tuesday, fixing the mileage at five cents per mile, be rescinded, and that two and a half cents be allowed."

The question being on the motion to strike out—

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, moved the previous question. The main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment proposed by Rep. Conley, of Georgia, to strike out all after the word "resolved," and insert the proposition submitted by him?" And it was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Archer, Clements, Conley, McLean, Meriam, Nutter, Richardson of Delaware, Schiefer, Shinkle, Stuart, Thayer, Veitch, Young—13.

NAYS.—Reps. Anderson, Andrews, Barron, Blake, Boydston, Boylston, Bragg, Brown, Burnham, Carlton, Clarke of Vermont, Davis, Dennis, Dwinelle, Earl, Ellis, Escavaille, Farnsworth, Froment, Fuller, Granniss, (2 votes,) Hall, Hardy, Harris, Harvey, Herndon, Hills, Hoke, (2 votes,) Hughes, Hunt of Texas, (2 votes,) Hunt of Michigan, Iglehart, Iredale, Kennedy, Kidder, Krogman, (2 votes,) Lamb, Lamberton, Lent, McKinstry, Magee, Marble, Marley, Mason,

Miller, Mills, Mitchell, Nicholson, Noble, Partridge, Phillips, Pond, Prall, Richardson of Tennessee, Roberts, E. C. Robinson, I. Robinson, J. H. Robinson, (2 votes,) Rodney, Rogers, Scott, Smith of Michigan, Smith of Rhode Island, (2 votes,) Starr, (2 votes,) Smart, Taylor, True, Walker, Welty, White, Winchell, Woodward, Youlen—80.

The question recurred on the resolution moved by Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, which was resolved in the negative.

Reps. Mills, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials have just received and herewith present the certificate appointing P. G. John G. Potts as a Representative from the Grand Lodge of Illinois, vice P. G M. W. Duff Green, resigned.

JAS. B. NICHOLSON,
JOSEPH KIDDER,
BENJ. C. TRUE,
E. G. FULLER,
J. M. MILLS.

On motion of Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge agreed to consider the amendment to the Constitution proposed by Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, as follows:

Amend article twelve of the Constitution to read:

"1. This Grand Lodge shall meet bienially on the third Monday of September at 9 o'clock A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet on the calls of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, Territorial, and Colonial Grand Bodies, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above provided.

"2. During the time intervening between the biennial sessions there shall be a Committee of the Grand Sire, the Deputy Grand Sire, the Grand Secretary, and the Committee on Appeals appointed at the last preceding session, to whom appeals and applications for charters may be made, or any other business referred not affecting the finances of the Grand Lodge, nor being of a legislative nature. Said committee shall hold semi-annual sessions, their action being always subject to confirmation or reversal by the Grand Lodge at its next session.

"3. Article nine and other articles of the Constitution are hereby ordered to be conformed in phraseology so as not to conflict with this."—*Page* 2995 *Journal.*

Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, moved to adopt the proposed amendment to the Constitution.

Rep. Boydston, of Nebraska, moved the previous question.

The main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment to the Constitution proposed by Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina?" which was resolved in the negative, three-fourths not voting in the affirmative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Reps. Archer, Blake, Burnham, Clark of Vermont, Conley, Davis, Dennis, Dwinelle, Ellis, Escavaille, Froment, Graniss, (2 votes,) Hall, Hills, (2 votes,) Hughes, Hunt of Texas, (2 votes,) Hunt of Michigan, Iredale, Krogman, Lamb, (2 votes,) Lamberton, Lent, Magee, Marble, Marley, Meriam, Mills, Nicholson,

Noble, Nutter, Phillips, Richardson of Delaware, Rodney, Scheifer, Shinkle, Smith of Michigan, Taylor, Thayer, Veitch, Welty, White, Woodward, Youlen—47.

NAYS—Reps. Anderson, Andrews, Boydston, Bragg, Brown, Caldwell, Carlton, Clark of N. Carolina, Clements, Earl, Farnsworth, Fuller, Harris, Harvey, Herndon, Hoke, Iglehart, Kennedy, Kidder, McKinstry, McLean, Mason, Mitchell, Partridge, Pond, Prall, Richardson of Tennessee, Roberts, E. C. Robinson, I. Robinson, J. H. Robinson, (2 votes,) Rogers, Scott, Smith of Rhode Island, Starr, Smart, Stuart, True, Walker, Winchell, Young—43.

Rep. Woodward, of Iowa, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the By-Laws:

Amend article eleven of the By-Laws by adding the following: "And no Representative shall be entitled to more than one vote in elections for Grand officers."

Rep. Earl, of Ohio, moved that the Lodge now take up the two proposed amendments to the Constitution to be found on page 3136 of the Journal, offered by him.

Rep. Israel Robinson, of Virginia, moved to lay the motion of Rep. Earl, of Ohio, on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurred on the motion of Rep. Earl, of Ohio, to take up the two proposed amendments, which was agreed to, and the Lodge considered the same, as follows:

Amend article nine, section two, of the Constitution by adding thereto: "Provided that the Grand Lodge of any jurisdiction in which, by mutual agreement, the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment shall have been merged into one body, shall be entitled to such representation as the said Grand Lodge may from time to time be entitled to, and the said Representatives, in addition to the votes they would otherwise be entitled to cast, shall be allowed to add the vote to which the Grand Encampment of its State was entitled prior to and at the time of the mergement."—*Page* 3136.

Amend article one, section seven, by adding these words: "But the Grand Bodies of any State or Territory may, by mutual agreement, consolidate the functions and powers of both in the Grand Lodge, and thereafter the jurisdiction previously exercised by the two Bodies separately shall be vested in the State Grand Lodge, and all Subordinate Encampments in said jurisdiction shall be governed by the laws of said Grand Lodge, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States."

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, moved to indefinitely postpone the subject.

Rep. Israel Robinson, of Virginia, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, to indefinitely postpone the subject, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Mills, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, unanimously, That this Grand Lodge hereby express the great pleasure derived from our visit to Mrs. James K. Polk, and tender that estimable lady our unfeigned thanks for her very elegant, courteous, and hospitable reception.

Pending the question upon the resolution, Rep. Walker, of Tennessee, said:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: On behalf of Mrs. Polk, I am requested to return her sincere thanks to the members of this Lodge for what she is pleased to consider the distinguished honor paid her by them in their visit to her mansion this morning, and to assure them that she will cherish the recollection of the event as one of the pleasantest and most agreeable of her life.

On motion of Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge agreed to take up and consider all the pending amendments to the Constitution, in the order in which they appear in the Journal.

The first proposed amendment, as follows, was considered:

Amend the second section of the ninth article of the Constitution so that it shall read as follows

"SECTION 2. Every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing shall be entitled to one vote in the Grand Lodge; every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing shall be entitled to two votes; and no State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than one Grand Representative at the same time: Provided, however, that any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be entitled to as many Grand Representatives as it may have votes, on assuming the payment of the mileage and per diem of the additional Grand Representative."—*Page* 3125.

Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, moved to postpone indefinitely the amendment under consideration, and all other pending amendments to the constitution, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, moved the following resolution, which was resolved in the negative:

WHEREAS it is evident that the present revenue of the Grand Lodge is not sufficient to meet the current demands against it and liquidate the debt of $3,000, more than three years ago incurred; and whereas it is necessary that some measure should be adopted to relieve the present financial embarrassment of the Grand Lodge and insure a regular and sufficient revenue hereafter: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee of Finance be instructed so to graduate the price of cards and other supplies as to insure an increased revenue to this Grand Lodge equal to $5,000 per year, and report the same for the action of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Hunt, of Texas, submitted the following resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Texas, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That our Grand Representatives be instructed to urge upon the Grand Lodge of the United States the necessity of providing that the diplomas for members shall be signed on the right by the M. W. Grand Sire and on the left by the Noble Grand and Secretary of the Subordinate Lodge which issues the card, or to provide that some other officer or officers, or members of the Grand Lodge of the United States shall sign the same, so that the diploma may on its face appear to be the act of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and also to point out specifically by law by what officers the diplomas shall be signed.

Resolved, That our Representatives be also instructed to urge upon the Grand Lodge of the United States the necessity of providing in the next issue of diplomas that they shall only be in force so long as members holding them shall be in good standing, and also that the same be signed by the Grand Secretary of each State before being sent out to Subordinate Lodges.

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to recommend to that body the importance of a revision of the present form of public installation, so that it may be more acceptable to the Subordinate Lodges.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be instructed to report such action, if any is required, as will enable the Grand Secretaries of Grand Lodges to issue proper certificates to members of defunct Lodges who are in good standing, to enable them to make application for membership in another Lodge.

Rep. True, of Ohio, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That a select committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of remodeling and revising the ritual of our Order, and report a plan for the action of this body, should they find one advisable, and that all such propositions as relate to a change in the work or degrees be referred to such committee.

On motion of Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, the resolution was laid on the table.

Rep. White, of Northern New York, moved to amend the by-laws as follows, which was laid on the table under the rule:

Amend article eighteen of the By-Laws of this R. W. Grand Lodge by striking out the words "for its own use, and an equal number," in the third and fourth lines of said section, and add, after the word "subordinates," in the fifth line of said section, the words, "*and fifty copies for its own use, where the number of Lodges exceeds fifty; and where the number of Lodges is less than fifty, then the same proportion;*" so that when amended it will read as follows:

ARTICLE 18. Each State, District, and Territorial Grand Lodge shall annually be furnished with as many copies of the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge as it has Subordinate Lodges working under its jurisdiction, to be distributed amongst its subordinates, and fifty copies for its own use, where the number of Lodges exceed fifty; and where the number of Lodges is less than fifty, then the same proportion. Each Grand Encampment shall be furnished in the same manner. And each Lodge and Encampment working under the warrant of this Grand Lodge shall be furnished with a copy of the proceedings. The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary shall see that this law is carried into effect at as early a date as possible after the close of the annual sessions of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Walker, of Tennessee, presented the following communication to the Lodge:

NASHVILLE, September 19, 1860.

H. K. WALKER, ESQ.:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Allow me, through you, to invite the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States I. O. O. F. to visit our public schools, at their convenience, during their stay in Nashville. But, as they are to visit the Hermitage to-morrow, I will suggest that they select Friday morning at nine o'clock for the purpose. Truly yours, in Friendship, Love and Truth,

J. F. PEARL, *Supt. Pub. Schools.*

On motion of Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, to accept the invitation, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Harvey, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire be directed to communicate to J. F. Pearl, Esq., Superintendent of the Public Schools of Nashville, the thanks of this Grand Lodge for his very polite invitation to visit the public schools of the city of Nashville, and express to him the sincere regrets of the members of this Grand Lodge that they are unable to accept his invitation for want of time.

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, offered the following additional Rule of Order, which was laid on the table under the rule:

40. Any proposition offered for reference to any standing committee of this Body, which shall require an entry in full upon the Journal, shall be submitted in duplicate, either in print or in manuscript; and, if in writing, they shall be on paper not less in size than half a page of foolscap.

On motion of Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, the Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the Reports of Standing Committees, in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The first report, (page 3209,) from the Committee on the State of the Order, in answer to the inquiry from the Grand Lodge of California, touching the right of a presiding or sitting Noble Grand to sign a semi-annual report, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3210,) from the Legislative Committee, tee, upon the application of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York for authority to institute Lodges for conferring the Degree of Rebekah, was considered.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, moved to amend as follows, which was agreed to:

Strike out the words "Degree Lodge," in ninth line from the bottom, and insert "Working Degree."

The question recurring on the adoption of the report as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, (page 3226,) being from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. Lent, of Southern New York, on the subject of receiving District Deputy Grand Masters with the honors of the Order when visiting Lodges officially, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, to refer the report to the secret session, it was not agreed to.

Rep. Miller, of Indiana, moved to lay the report on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the report—

Rep. True, of Ohio, moved to amend the report by inserting the words "District Deputy," in the third line, before the word "Grand."

The question being on the amendment, on motion of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, the whole subject was ordered to lie on the table.

By unanimous consent Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

Most Worthy Grand Sire: It is my painful duty to announce the death of Past Grand Representative William W. Wallace, of Northern New York, which has taken place during the last recess of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

The deceased brother was of an ardent temperament and fearless

disposition; he had the courage which belongs to the right, and the fortitude which characterizes a firm and devoted conviction of the truth. His life was chequered with the vicissitudes which accompany impulsive and generous temperaments; his successes he shared with his friends; his privations he bore patiently alone. His charities were limited only by his means; his heart was ever open to the appeal of distress. He did not limit his relief to merely pecuniary benefactions; he ministered also to the wounded soul, and poured the balm of hope and consolation into the bruised and contrite spirit; he stayed betrayed youth and innocence in its downward path to destruction, and restored to the parental fold the once erring and lost but afterwards redeemed members of the flock.

He is dead. We shall see him no more. Wearied in body, worn in spirit, broken in fortune, bereaved in his affections, his heart-strings all unstrung; acknowledging submissively that he had fought the battle of life and had been defeated in the contest, without any hope except that which his Christian faith held out to him—the hope of pardon and acceptance through the doctrine of reconciliation—his tired body has reached that repose where "the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest." His emancipated soul, we trust, reposes in "the bosom of its father and its God." Kind father, good man, faithful friend, devoted Christian, and true Odd-Fellow, we bid thee an affectionate farewell.

Leave of absence was granted to Rep. Andrews, of Texas, from and after to-morrow evening.

Rep. Hall, of California, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance have examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer and report the same correct, and with proper vouchers accompanying every item of expenditure. The reports show as follows:

Balances last report		$10,331 96
Cash received for revenue proper during the year	$18,082 90	
Received of the Grand Lodge of Maine in payment of note and interest	61 78	
Proceeds of three notes, being loan effected by the Grand Treasurer	2,000 00	
		20,144 68
		30,476 64
Amount paid out for all purposes as per vouchers		18,329 99
Balance on hand		$12,146 65

The Assets and Resources are as follows:

Cash as above		$12,144 65
Bond of Thomas Wildey, secured by mortgage on real estate		6,235 41
Two notes of Grand Lodge of Maine, $50 each, not matured		100 00
Two notes of the Grand Encampment of North Carolina, of $88.10 each		176 20
		$18,658 26
Aggregate supplies at selling prices		15,130 46
Total assets		$33,788 26

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
E. C. GRANNISS,
J. H. ROBINSON,
W. H. H. PRALL,
EDWD. P. BURNHAM.

Rep. Granniss, of Georgia, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

By Reps. Granniss, of Georgia, seconded by Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, and Rep. Veitch, of Missouri.

Amend article fourteenth, section second of the Constitution, by striking out the words "seventy-five" and inserting "one hundred."

Rep. Harvey, of Indiana, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. J. S. Harvey, of Indiana, seconded by Rep. Chris Miller, of Indiana, Rep. D. W. Welty, of California, Rep. W. N. Hall, of California, Rep. L. B. Hills, of Wisconsin, Rep. Martin B. Harper, of Alabama, and Rep. John Hardy, of Alabama.

Amend the second paragraph of the fourteenth article of the Constitution to read as follows:

"Dues from State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments, one hundred dollars per annum for each vote they shall be entitled to in this Grand Lodge."

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

Amend article one, section five of the Constitution by striking out the word "unanimous" and the words "four-fifths," in said article, and inserting in both cases the words "three-fifths."

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Correspondence, in whose hands was placed the correspondence of the Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary for the past year, have examined the same and beg leave to report:

That the various matters contained in the documents submitted to them have either been definitely acted upon or have been referred to appropriate committees. They therefore require nothing further at our hands.

The correspondence indicates a healthy condition of things throughout the State jurisdictions generally.

B. CONLEY,
C. C. ARCHER,
S. B. KROGMAN,
A. SHINKLE,
JOHN H. PHILLIPS.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions ask leave to report that they have carefully considered the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, referred to them by the order of this Grand Body, and would respectfully recommend that the Grand Lodge of Michigan be directed to add at the end of section second, article first, the words, "*or of the Constitution or Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States.*" Also, to insert the words "*said amendment,*" after the word *the* in the third line of section first, article sixth. Also, to add at the end of section second, article sixth, the words, "*or the Constitution or Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States.*" With these corrections the committee would respectfully recommend its approval.

F. A. ELLIS,
WILLIAM MARBLE,
WILLIAM J. HOKE,
L. B. HILLS.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the Reports of Committees in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The next report, from the Legislative Committee, (page 3227,) on the subject of revising and consolidating the secret work of the Order, was considered.

Rep. True, of Ohio, moved to amend the first resolution accompanying the report as follows:

Strike out the words "the next session of," in the first and second lines of the first resolution.

The question being on the amendment, it was not agreed to.

The question recurred on the adoption of the report and resolution.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, moved to strike out the word "actual," in the third resolution, and insert the word "necessary," which was agreed to.

Rep. Anderson, of Illinois, moved the previous question, and the main question was not ordered.

The question recurred on the adoption of the report and resolutions of the committee as amended—

Pending the consideration of which, on motion of Rep. Welty, of California, the Lodge adjourned until 7½ o'clock this evening.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 7½ O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present: Edward H. Fitzhugh, R. W. D. Grand Sire, presiding, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of jurisdictions.

On motion of Rep. Marley, of Maryland, the Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

After some hours passed in secret session the Lodge closed and resumed its ordinary business.

When Rep. Young, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution offered by P. G. S. Kennedy, of Southern New York, to wit:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be instructed to report such action, if any be required, as will enable the Grand Secretaries of Grand Lodges to issue proper certificates to members of defunct Lodges who are in good standing, to enable them to make application for membership in another Lodge.

Beg leave to report that they have considered the matter referred to them, and report as follows:

This Grand Lodge, at its annual session of 1859, (page 3134,) passed the following resolutions, to wit:

Resolved, That all State Grand Officers, and Officers of all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, are prohibited from signing any diploma, certificate, or card, not issued by the authority of this R. W. Grand Body to brothers of the Order, and properly authenticated by the name of the R. W Grand Corresponding Secretary, written or engraved on the margin thereof.

Resolved, That all diplomas, certificates, or cards, not issued by authority of this R. W. Grand Body, which have been signed by any officer of a Grand or Subordinate Body, are of no force or effect, and the same are null and void.

Your committee further report that no card or certificate, or form therefor, has been prepared or authorized to be prepared to meet the case contemplated in the resolution under consideration, and conditioned for authentication by the signature of the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, except so far as the withdrawal card now in use may answer that end; but your committee find that at the annual session of this Grand Lodge of 1859 ample legislation was had to meet the case in point, (see report of the Legislative Committee on pages 3087 and 3088, and the action thereon on pages 3113 and 3114,) and the only

difficulty seems to be whether the resolution of this Grand Lodge above recited affects cards or certificates issued in pursuance of the authority granted by the resolution on page 3088 above referred to, as amended and passed. To meet this doubt your committee recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge, to be found on page 3134 of the annual session of 1859, having reference to the authentication of all certificates and cards issued by State Grand Officers and officers of all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, shall not be construed to apply to certificates signed by Grand Officers of State jurisdictions to members of defunct Lodges and Encampments as heretofore provided.

WILLIAM H. YOUNG,
R. A. CALDWELL,
THOMAS STEERE,
JOHN W. DWINELLE,
J. O. NIXON.

Rep. Hardy, of Alabama, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing having had under consideration the various matters referred to them, respectfully report: That two proposals to execute the printing of the revised Journal of the present session have been placed before them, and, after a careful and full investigation of the same, find the proposals submitted by Bro. James Young, of Baltimore, are the lowest and most favorable, and therefore your committee have accepted the proposals submitted by Bro. James Young, which proposals are herewith attached and endorsed "accepted" by your committee, upon the condition as follows: That the type used in printing the revised Journal shall be *new*, and capable of making a *clear* and *clean* impression, and on good book paper, weighing not less than forty pounds to the ream, and covers of calender colored paper, and that in the enumeration of pages the title page on the cover alone shall be counted.

Your committee would further and most respectfully suggest that all printing of this Grand Body, to be hereafter done, be let out to the lowest and most responsible bidder, believing by this policy much may saved to the Grand Lodge; and, with the view of accomplishing the foregoing suggestions, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary contract with Bro. James Young, of Baltimore, to print ten thousand copies of the Revised Journal of the Proceedings of the present session of the Grand Lodge, in accordance with his proposals and upon the conditions recommended by the committee.

Resolved, That in future the Grand Secretary be directed to advertise for proposals for printing the Daily Journal, not to exceed 500 copies daily, as directed by the 28th By-Law for printing the Revised Journal, and the said proposals be required to be handed in to the Grand Secretary at least ten days previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and the same be opened by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, who shall award the contract to the lowest and most responsible bidder.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary, at the same time he advertises for proposals for printing the Revised Journal of this R. W. Grand Body, also advertise for sealed proposals to do the printing of Charge and Degree Books, Odes, Circulars and Blanks, which proposals shall be submitted to the Committee on Printing at each session of the Grand Lodge, and by them awarded to the most favorable bidder; *Provided*, no contract for printing Charge and Degree Books be awarded to others than members of the Order.

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be requested to submit to the Committee on Printing all bills for printing for this Grand Lodge, and the contracts under which said bills were contracted, who shall ascertain whether the bills conform to the proposals under which the contracts were made.

JOHN HARDY,
D. P. WHITE,
WM. R. McLEAN,
CHRIS MILLER.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance submit the following estimates of the receipts and expenditures of the current year:

Estimated Expenditures.

Salary of the Grand Secretary	$1,200 00
Salary of the Grand Treasurer	200 00
Salary of the Grand Messenger	700 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's office, including gas, fuel, &c.	300 00
Postage, stationery, &c. Grand Secretary's office	500 00
Paper and printing daily Journal of this session	300 00
Paper and printing Journal, revised and stereotyped	1,500 00
Printing cards	200 00
Printing institution books	50 00
Printing diplomas	100 00
Printing installation books	100 00
Contingent fund	500 00
Per diem and mileage	12,000 00
	$17,650 00

Estimated Revenue for the current year

Representative tax	$7,500 00
Dues from Subordinate Lodges and Encampments	300 00
Arrears of Grand Bodies	200 00
Sale of books	4,000 00
Sale of cards	4,000 00
Sale of diplomas	500 00
Sale of odes	300 00
	$16,800 00

The revenue as estimated falls short of the estimated expenditures $850, and it is believed that the balance now in the treasury will be about absorbed by the payment of the per diem and mileage at the present session, leaving the necessary contingent expenses for printing revised Journal unprovided for.

The sale of diplomas has not reached the amount contemplated, and for the next year the revenue from this source it is probable will not be more than one-half of that of the past year.

With the condition of the finances of the Grand Lodge for the past few years this Body has become familiar, and the committee take occasion to reiterate a recommendation so often made, that some permanent plan be adopted by the Grand Lodge to place its finances on a more permanent basis, and, as all other modes heretofore proposed to bring about this end have failed, the committee venture the proposition to raise the price of cards as the most feasible and less burdensome plan to provide for the annually recurring deficit.

The committee submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of seventeen thousand six hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of salaries, printing, per diem and mileage, and other expenses of the current year, agreeably to the estimate herewith submitted, and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue his warrants therefor.

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to negotiate a temporary loan, to the credit of the Grand Lodge, for such sum as the immediate wants of the treasury may require, and that the Grand Officers be directed to execute the note of this Grand Lodge for that purpose.

Resolved, That the price of cards be fixed at thirty-five cents each instead of twenty-cents each as now charged.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
J. H. ROBINSON,
E. C. GRANNISS.

The undersigned concurs with the above report except so much thereof as relates to the increase of the price of cards. The present price is considered a burden by the Order in many localities, and an additional charge will be deemed still more so by the membership generally, and the larger jurisdictions particularly. And the undersigned feels assured that if this measure is adopted the anticipated revenue therefrom will not be realized: a decrease of sales will assuredly occur, as the future will develope.

W. H. H. PRALL.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance recommend the payment of the following claims:

P. G. Sire Sam'l Craighead, for postage expenses, charges, &c.	$10 80
Adams's Express Company, for charges on packages from Baltimore to Nashville	35 20
J E. Chamberlain, for stationery for this session	10 41
Porter of Capitol building for expenses in putting furniture in Hall, cleaning up same, ice, services, &c	30 00
	$86 41

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to draw his warrant on the Grand Treasurer for the amounts set forth above, to be charged to contingent fund.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
J. H. ROBINSON,
W. H. H. PRALL,
E. C. GRANNISS.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the communication from P. G. Rep. Samuel L. Adams, of Kentucky, asking that the matter involved in the petition from Sangamon Lodge, No. 6, of Illinois, which was disposed of at last session, be re-opened for the purpose of hearing the "legal representatives" of P. G. John Adams in the premises, respectfully report:

That in this case the Grand Lodge of the United States sustained Sangamon Lodge, No. 6, on the ground that the indebtedness of Bro. Adams to his Lodge suspended him from benefits. The allusion to the parties for whom Urbana Lodge appeared, under the term of "legal representatives," is merely made to show that even had the brother died in benefits they would not in every case have been payable to persons who might appear in the character of "legal representatives."

The case having been disposed of on grounds involving only the payment of dues, and which the accounts of Sangamon Lodge, No. 6, fully set forth, your committee do not deem it necessary to re-open the case, and recommend that the R. W. P. G. Representative have leave to withdraw his communication.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
WM. A. STRONG,
GEO. D. WINCHELL,
GEO. W. ADAMS,
B. W. DENNIS.

Rep. Strong, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals have had under consideration the appeal of W. C. Earl from the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and ask leave to report:

That upon examination of the papers we find that the Grand Lodge of Ohio changed its Constitution by a resolution offered and *passed* at the same meeting.

Article fourteen, section one, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, has the following provision: "No alteration of or amendments to this Constitution, or the General Laws of the Order, shall be made, unless written notice thereof be given at the annual meeting of the Grand Lodge previous to being acted upon."

We therefore ask the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of P. G. W. C. Earl be sustained, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio be reversed.

W. A. STRONG,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
GEO. D. WINCHELL,
GEO. W. ADAMS,
B. W. DENNIS.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. S. P. Catlin, of Des Arc Lodge, No. 8, of Arkansas, respectfully report:

That in this case P. G. Catlin was brought to trial on charges based on a difference existing between him and another member of his Lodge, involving money accounts. Bro. Catlin declined to exhibit his accounts to a committee of the Lodge appointed to settle the difficulty between him and the other brother, on the ground that the Lodge had no right to interfere. For this he was charged with contempt for the Lodge—and the other charge was deduced from this, by accusing Catlin of "taking advantage of a brother in a pecuniary transaction."

It is not the purpose of the committee to wade through the extended examinations of witnesses and parties, which is reported, but to assume at once that the whole proceeding against Catlin was improper and unjust. No person, on being admitted to membership in this Order, thereby loses any rights he had in possession as a citizen. His right to protection by the civil authorities is not impaired by becoming an Odd-Fellow—the laws of the land, and the courts which administer them, are the surest and most proper means by which justice can be attained; especially is this so in regard to civil contracts, frequently involving, as they do, long, intricate, and conflicting accounts, requiring close and patient scrutiny and impartial investigation.

This class of questions of difference should always be submitted to the legal institutions of the land rather than be attempted to be adjudicated by any authorities within the Order.

Under these views your committee would recommend that the

appeal of P. G. Catlin be sustained, and he be reinstated in Des Arc Lodge, No. 8, of Arkansas

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
GEO. W. ADAMS,
W. A. STRONG,
B. W. DENNIS.

Rep. McLean, of the District of Columbia, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the suggestions of the R. W. Grand Secretary relative to the republication of the Journal of the Grand Lodge, would respectfully report:

That they have given the matter due consideration, and are of the opinion that the necessity of the case seems to admit of no alternative; and they would therefore recommend that five hundred copies of the volumes be printed under the direction of the R. W. Grand Secretary, agreeably to the suggestions made in his report; the work to be done by the lowest responsible bidder, after inviting proposals to that end. Your committee would offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Representatives of this R. W. Grand Body shall receive the bound volumes to which they may be entitled at the hands of the Grand Secretary, and a record of the same be made by him

WM. R. McLEAN,
JOHN HARDY,
RICHARD MARLEY,
D. P. WHITE,
CHRIS MILLER.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire presented the following report from the special committee on that subject, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Grand Officers have had under consideration the following resolution from the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, viz:

Resolved, That the Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to apply to that R. W. Grand Body for the issue of a duplicate charter to this Grand Encampment.

It appears from the facts in the case that the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia was chartered and instituted at Alexandria, April 25th, 1846, and that said instrument was afterwards so amended as to locate said body in Washington; that under said authority the Grand Encampment has transacted business; that, subsequently, in extending Odd-Fellows Hall in Washington and the removal of the place of meeting, said instrument has been lost or destroyed,

and that said body is now without the necessary authority of law. The object of the resolution being simply to obtain a charter for said body, a duplicate of the first instrument, a compliance with their request is recommended. Therefore,

Resolved, That the officers of this R. W. Grand Body are hereby directed to issue a duplicate charter to the R. W. Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, bearing date the 25th of April, 1846.

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH, *Grand Sire.*
WILLIAM THAYER, *D. G. Sire, p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY, *G. Cor. and Rec. Sec'y.*
JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer.*

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, laid on the table the following proposed amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, seconded by Reps. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, Escavaille, of Maryland, and Starr, of Illinois.

Amend the second section of the ninth article of the Constitution so that it shall read as follows:

"SECTION 2. Every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing shall be entitled to one vote in the Grand Lodge; every State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing shall be entitled to two votes; and no State, District, Territorial, or Colonial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall have more than one Grand Representative at the same time: Provided, however, that any Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment shall be entitled to as many Grand Representatives as it may have votes, on assuming the payment of the mileage and per diem of the additional Grand Representative."

On motion of Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow evening at 7½ o'clock.

THURSDAY EVENING, 7½ o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, Edward H. Fitzhugh, R. W. D. G. Sire, presiding, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of jurisdictions.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. A. Paul Repiton, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. Shinkle, of Kentucky, the reading of the Journal was dispensed with.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, presented, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, a bound copy of the Journal of that Body, from 1854 to 1860.

Rep. Strong, of Mississippi, announced to the Grand Lodge that the absence of his colleagues, P. G. M. H. L. Bailey and P. C. P. John L. Milton, was occasioned by sickness.

Rep. Shinkle, of Kentucky, on behalf of Olive Branch Encampment, No. 6, of Kentucky, presented a gavil to the Grand Lodge of the United States, made of ash wood, obtained at the home of the late Hon. Henry Clay.

On motion of Rep. Strong, of Mississippi, it was

Resolved, That the *gavil* presented to this Grand Lodge by Olive Branch Encampment, No. 6, of Kentucky, be accepted, and that the thanks of this Grand Lodge be returned to Olive Branch Encampment for the same.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of the business pending at the time of adjournment, to wit, the report of the Legislative Committee, (page 3227,) touching the appointment of a committee to revise and consolidate the secret work of the Order.

The question being on adopting the report as amended.

At this stage of the proceedings, Rep. Nixon, of Louisiana, of the Legislative Committee, asked and obtained the unanimous consent of the Grand Lodge to submit the following minority report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, a member of the Legislative Committee, begs leave to present this, his dissent from the report of the majority of the committee, on the resolutions from the jurisdictions of Massachusetts, Ohio, and Maine.

Believing that a change in the work of the Order would not prove beneficial, he is reluctantly compelled to differ with his associates on the committee, and recommends to the Grand Lodge the adoption of the accompanying resolution:

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to take action contemplating any change in the work of the Order.

J. O. NIXON.

Rep. Nixon, of Louisiana, moved the adoption of the minority report presented by him as an amendment to the report and resolutions of the majority of the committee.

Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, moved further to amend as follows:

Strike out of the resolutions accompanying the report of the majority committee all after the word "resolved," in the first resolution, and insert as follows: "That a committee of ——— be appointed to report to the next session of this Body a revision of the secret work of the Order, having in view the various suggestions to that effect submitted to this Grand Lodge at this and previous sessions.

Rep. Smith, of Rhode Island, moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment to the amendment proposed by Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Nixon, of Louisiana, as amended by the resolution of Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question now recurred on the report of the majority of the committee as amended, which was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. Lamb, of New Jersey, the blank in the amendment of Rep. Stuart was filled with the number three.

On motion of Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, the Lodge agreed to consider the report of the Legislative Committee, (page 3226,) on the subject of receiving D. D. Grand Masters with the honors of the Order when visiting officially.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved to refer the report to the secret session, which was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, made a point of order that the proposed legislation was in contravention of the secret work.

The Chair overruled the point of order.

The question being on the adoption of the report of the Legislative Committee—

Rep. True, of Ohio, moved to amend as follows:

Strike out the words "as Grand Master on," in the second and third lines.

Rep. Shinkle, of Kentucky, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. True, of Ohio—

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, called the previous question, and the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. True, of Ohio?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question then recurred on the adoption of the report of the Legislative Committee, and, upon counting the vote, fifty-two appeared in the affirmative, and thirty-two in the negative; whereupon the Chair decided that being a proposition to change the secret work, it required an unanimous vote, and that the resolution was therefore not adopted.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, appealed from the decision of the Chair, and the question being, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Hunt, of Texas, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge do adjourn to-morrow, Friday, at 4 o'clock P. M., sine die.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, moved to amend by striking out "4 o'clock," and inserting "2 o'clock."

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, moved further to amend by inserting "12½ o'clock."

The question being on the motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York—

Rep. Graniss, of Georgia, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York—

Rep. Clements, of District of Columbia, moved the previous question.

The main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Grand Lodge adopt the motion of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, to strike out 4 and insert 2 o'clock?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurred on the amendment of Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, to strike out 4 and insert 12½ o'clock, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurred on the original resolution of Rep. Hunt, of Texas, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Mills, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials have examined the certificate appointing P. G. Damon, from the Grand Lodge of Florida, as a Representative to this Grand Lodge, and find the same correct.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON,
JOSEPH KIDDER,
BENJ. C. TRUE,
E. G. FULLER,
J. M. MILLS.

Rep. Starr, of Illinois, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Representatives of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Tennessee be requested to furnish the R. W. Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge with a copy of the proceedings had this day, relating to the presentation of the chair by Dr. John Lawrence, at the Hermitage, and the acceptance of the same in behalf of this R. W. Grand Body by the M. W. Grand Sire, E. H. Fitzhugh.

Rep. Hunt, of Texas, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, which was considered and adopted, the rule being suspended by unanimous consent for that purpose:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem ask leave to present the annexed tabular statement of the distance traveled by the Representatives to attend the present session of this Grand Lodge, with the amount of mileage and daily pay to which each Representative is entitled, under the resolution adopted by this Grand Body at its present session, and ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amount of mileage and per diem as set forth in the accompanying tabular statement is hereby ordered to be paid.

E. P. HUNT,
W. C. EARL,
WM. P. TAYLOR,
ABRAM LENT,
L. J. NOBLE.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAMES.	PROFESSION.	Town.	State.	Distance from Nashville.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
GRAND OFFICERS.								
M. W. G. Sire E. H. Fitzhugh..	Lawyer.....	Wheeling.....	Virginia.....	579	5	$57 90	$15 00	$72 90
R. W. G. C. & R. S. J. L. Ridgely.	Farmer.....	Baltimore Co..	Maryland...	897	5	89 70	15 00	104 70
R. W. G. Treas. Joshua Vansant.	Hat Manufacturer.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland...	897	5	89 70	15 00	104 70
R. W. G. Marshal I. M. Tucker..	Lawyer.....	Newark.....	New Jersey.	1,076	5	107 60	15 00	122 60
R. W. G. Chap. A. Paul Repiton.	Clergyman.....	Wilmington...	N. Carolina..	738	5	73 80	15 00	88 80
R. W. G. Guar. S. H. Lewyt....	Jeweler.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland...	897	5	89 70	15 00	104 70
R. W. G. Mess. J. E. Chamberlain.	Shoe Manufacturer.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland...	897	5	89 70	15 00	104 70
REPRESENTATIVES.								
Adams, George W.....	Supt. Railroad.....	Savannah.....	Georgia.....	582	5	58 20	15 00	73 20
Anderson, H. G.....	Lumber Merchant.....	Peoria.....	Illinois.....	555	5	55 50	15 00	70 50
Andrews, H. B.....	Postmaster.....	Galveston.....	Texas.....	1,027	4	102 70	12 00	114 70
Archer, C. C.....	Druggist.....	St. Louis.....	Missouri....	484	5	48 40	15 00	63 40
Barron, Quartus H.....	Farmer.....	Fox Lake.....	Wisconsin...	683	5	68 30	15 00	83 30
Blake, Newell.....	Merchant.....	Oldtown.....	Maine.....	1,512	5	151 20	15 00	166 20
Boydston, W. L.....	Lawyer.....	Nebraska City.	Nebraska...	1,534	5	153 46	15 00	168 40
Boylston, R. B.....	Lawyer.....	Winnsboro'...	S. Carolina..	641	5	64 10	15 00	79 10
Bragg, Thos. F.....	Merchant.....	New Orleans..	Louisiana....	727	5	72 70	15 00	87 70
Brown, Thos.....	Railroad Agent.....	Rochester.....	N. Hampshire	1,374	5	137 40	15 00	152 40
Burnham, E. P.....	Treasurer Savings Inst.	Saco.....	Maine.....	1,351	5	135 10	15 00	150 10
Caldwell, Richard A.....	Lawyer.....	Salisbury,.....	N. Carolina..	636	5	63 60	15 00	78 60
Carlton, John W.....	Contractor.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	318	5	31 80	15 00	46 80
Clark, W. H.....	Manufacturer.....	Elizabeth City.	N. Carolina..	843	5	84 30	15 00	99 30
Clark, Henry.....	Mail Agent.....	Poultney.....	Vermont....	1,130	5	113 00	15 00	128 00

Clements, John T	Merchant	Wash'gton City	Dis. of Col.	919	5	91 90	15 00	106 90
Conley, Benjamin	Merchant	Augusta	Georgia	460	5	46 00	15 00	61 00
Davis, William S	Accountant	Little Rock	Arkansas	883	5	88 30	15 00	103 30
Dennis, B. W	Miller	Byron	Michigan	651	5	65 10	15 00	80 10
Dwinelle, J. W	Lawyer	Rochester	New York	827	5	82 70	15 00	97 70
Damon, George	Cabinet Maker	Tallahassee	Florida	595	3	59 50	9 00	68 50
Earl, William C	Grand Secretary	Toledo	Ohio	518	5	51 80	15 00	66 80
Ellis, F. A	Lawyer	Elkton	Maryland	948	5	94 80	15 00	109 80
Escavaille, J. B	Grand Secretary	Baltimore	Maryland	897	5	89 70	15 00	104 70
Farnsworth, E. D	Steamboat Inspector	Nashville	Tennessee	.....	5	.....	15 00	15 00
Froment, Theodore	Jeweler	New York	New York	1,089	5	108 90	15 00	123 90
Fuller, E. G	Bookseller	Halifax	Nova Scotia	2,032	3	203 20	9 00	212 20
Granniss, E. C	Agent	Macon	Georgia	392	5	39 20	15 00	54 20
Hall, Wm. N	Merchant	Todd's Valley	California	6,920	5	692 00	15 00	707 00
Hardy, John	Editor	Selma	Alabama	568	5	56 80	15 00	71 80
Harper, Martin B	Accountant	Mobile	Alabama	664	5	66 40	15 00	81 40
Harris, Samuel H	Printer	New Haven	Connecticut	1,165	5	116 50	15 00	131 50
Harvey, Jonathan S	Lawyer	Jeffersonville	Indiana	187	5	18 70	15 00	33 70
Herndon, Milton	Physician	Crawfordsville	Indiana	358	5	35 80	15 00	50 80
Hills, L. B	Banker	Waupan	Wisconsin	683	5	68 30	15 00	83 30
Hoke, William J	Commissioner in Equity	Lincolnville	N. Carolina	601	5	60 10	15 00	75 10
Hughes, Thomas	Land Agent	Iowa City,	Iowa	744	5	74 40	15 00	89 40
Hunt, E. P	Notary Public	Galveston	Texas	1,027	4	102 70	12 00	114 70
Hunt, Charles W	Carriage Manufacturer	Adrian	Michigan	573	5	57 30	15 00	72 30
Iglehart, N. P	Real Estate Dealer	Chicago	Illinois	533	5	53 30	15 00	68 30
Iredale, A. J	Manufacturer	San Francisco	California	6,850	5	685 00	15 00	700 00
Kennedy, John A	Chief of Police	New York	New York	1,089	5	108 90	15 00	123 90
Kidder, Joseph	Merchant	Manchester	N. Hampshi'e	1,355	5	135 50	15 00	150 50
Krogman, S. B	Merchant	Boston	Massachu'tts	1,305	5	130 50	15 00	145 50
Lamb, Joseph L	Farmer	Pemberton	New Jersey	1,030	5	103 00	15 00	118 00
Lamberton, R. A	Lawyer	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania	871	5	87 10	15 00	102 10
Lent, Abram	Clothier	New York	New York	1,089	5	108 90	15 00	123 90
McKinstry, Alex	Lawyer	Mobile	Alabama	664	5	66 40	15 00	81 40
McLean, Wm. R	Printer	Wash'ton City	Dis. of Col.	919	5	91 90	15 00	106 90
Magee, jr., P. P	Accountant	Pittsburg	Pennsylvania	624	5	62 40	15 00	77 40
Marble, William	Sailmaker	Boston	Massachu'tts	1,305	5	130 50	15 00	145 50

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—CONTINUED.

NAMES.	PROFESSION.	Town.	State.	Distance from Nashville.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
Marley, Richard	Shoe Manufacturer	Baltimore	Maryland	897	5	$89 70	$15 00	$104 70
Mason, W. B.	Lawyer	Lancaster	Kentucky	312	5	31 20	15 00	46 20
Meriam, B. S.	City Clerk	Keokuk	Iowa	684	5	68 40	15 00	83 40
Miller, Chris	Printer	Lafayette	Indiana	388	5	38 80	15 00	53 80
Mills, J. M.	Physician	Frankfort	Kentucky	250	5	25 00	15 00	40 00
Mitchell, Edward	Grand Secretary	Charleston	S. Carolina	597	5	59 70	15 00	74 70
Nicholson, James B.	Bookbinder	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	995	5	99 50	15 00	114 50
Nixon, J. O.	Editor	New Orleans	Louisiana	727	4	72 70	12 00	84 70
Noble, O. J.	Miller	St. Paul	Minnesota	1,033	5	103 30	15 00	118 30
Nutter, Charles	Postmaster	Saco	Maine	1,351	5	135 10	15 00	150 10
Partridge, Thomas	Solicitor	London	Canada West	691	5	69 10	15 00	84 10
Phillips, John H.	Physician	Pennington	New Jersey	1,035	5	103 50	15 00	118 50
Pond, Philip	Merchant	New Haven	Connecticut	1,165	5	116 50	15 00	131 50
Prall, W. H. H.	Grand Secretary	Albany	New York	1,057	5	105 70	15 00	120 70
Potts, John G.	Justice of the Peace	Galena	Illinois	725	3	72 50	9 00	81 50
Richardson, Joseph	Manufacturer	Wilmington	Delaware	972	5	97 20	15 00	112 20
Richardson, S.	Physician	Dyersville	Tennessee	400	5	40 00	15 00	55 00
Roberts, Geo. B.	Merchant	Laporte	Indiana	481	5	48 10	15 00	63 10
Robinson, E C.	Dentist	Norfolk	Virginia	798	5	79 80	15 00	94 80
Robinson, Israel	Contractor	Martinsburg	Virginia	797	5	79 70	15 00	94 70
Robinson, J. H.	City Collector	Lynchburg	Virginia	598	5	59 80	15 00	74 80
Rodney, John D.	Clerk	Georgetown	Delaware	1,052	4	105 20	12 00	117 20
Rogers, Edgar	Merchant	Westmoreland	Kansas	925	5	92 50	15 00	107 50
Schiefer, Jacob F.	Manufacturer	Cape Girardeau	Missouri	634	5	63 40	15 00	78 40

Scott, Hiram K.	Merchant	Ridgefield	Connecticut.	1,149	5	114 90	15 00	129 90
Shinkle, A	Coal Dealer	Covington	Kentucky	320	5	32 00	15 00	47 00
Smith, W. Huntington	Accountant	Adrian	Michigan	573	5	57 30	15 00	72 30
Smith, Simri	Restaurant	Providence	R. Island	1,269	5	126 90	15 00	141 90
Starr, James E.	Merchant	Alton	Illinois	534	5	53 40	15 00	68 40
Steere, Thomas	Lawyer	Woonsocket	Rhode Island	1,286	5	128 60	15 00	143 60
Stetson, H. G.	Merchant	New Orleans	Louisiana	727	5	72 70	15 00	87 70
Smart, James B.	Mason	Concord	N. Hampshi'e	1,364	5	136 40	15 00	151 40
Strong, Wm. A.	Planter	Greenwood	Mississippi	600	5	60 00	15 00	75 00
Stuart, F. D.	Draughtsman	Wash'ton City	Dis. of Col.	909	5	90 90	15 00	105 90
Taylor, Wm. P.	Carpenter	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	995	5	99 50	15 00	114 50
Thayer, William	Bank Clerk	Charleston	S. Carolina	597	5	59 70	15 00	74 70
True, Benjamin C.	Engraver	Cincinnati	Ohio	318	5	31 80	15 00	46 80
Veitch, Isaac M.	Secretary Insurance Co.	St. Louis	Missouri	484	5	48 40	15 00	63 40
Walker, H. K.	Editor	Nashville	Tennessee	.....	5	.....	15 00	15 00
Welty, D. W	Lawyer	Sacramento	California	6,997	4	699 70	12 00	711 70
White, David P.	Printer	Utica	New York	962	5	96 20	15 00	111 20
Winchell, Geo. D.	Manufacturer	Cincinnati	Ohio	318	5	31 80	15 00	46 80
Woodward, B. B.	Cashier	Davenport	Iowa	686	5	68 60	15 00	83 60
Youlen, Abram	Painter	Roxbury	Massachu'tts	1,307	5	130 70	15 00	145 70
Young, William H.	Lawyer	Baltimore	Maryland	897	5	89 70	15 00	104 70
				101,569	504	$10,156 90	1,512 00	$11,668 90

Rep. Burnham, of Maine, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the next regular session of the Grand Lodge of the United States be held in the city of Baltimore, State of Maryland.

Rep. Israel Robinson, of Virginia, moved to lay the resolution on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on adopting the resolution of Rep. Burnham, of Maine, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Earl, of Ohio, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. Earl, of Ohio, seconded by Reps. Veitch, of Missouri, and Meriam, of Iowa.

Amend the second section of the ninth article of the Constitution by striking out "one thousand," in the sixth line, and inserting "*three thousand.*"

Rep. Winchell, of Ohio, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals beg leave to submit the following report on the appeal of P. G. J. H. Seaman from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio, at its last annual session, held in May, 1860.

An examination of the papers presented in this case show the following state of facts:

P. G. Wm. B. Chapman, treasurer of Eagle Lodge, No. 100, I. O. O. F., became, by endorsements, pecuniarily involved. He at once informed his securities, as Lodge treasurer, of his condition, and made a chattel mortgage to secure them and the Lodge against loss. At a subsequent meeting of the Lodge the subject was laid before them; a committee was appointed to report the facts in the case; they did so, and the Lodge by resolution instructed its trustees to have the mortgage transferred to them, in order to secure the Lodge from loss, and released his securities.

About three months after this action of the Lodge charges were preferred against Bro. Chapman, charging him with appropriating the funds of the Lodge to his own use. A trial was had and the charge was sustained, and Bro. Chapman was suspended for seven years.

An appeal was taken to the District Grand Committee, which was sustained, and a new trial ordered. The Lodge again tried the case and suspended Bro. Chapman for five years. Another appeal was taken to the District Grand Committee; before they had final action upon the case, notice of appeal to the R. W. Grand Lodge, from the action of the committee in sustaining the *first* appeal, was given, and the case went to the Grand Lodge.

It appears that *all* the papers in the case were not in possession of the committee appointed in the Grand Lodge, and upon the information before them they reported a resolution sustaining the appeal, which was adopted, and from this action of the Grand Lodge P. G. J. H. Seaman appeals.

Your committee are of the opinion that Eagle Lodge erred in sus-

taining charges against Bro. Chapman after having made a final settlement with him, he having secured the Lodge against loss, showing that he did not design defrauding the Lodge; and also that the punishment inflicted, even had it been proper at all, was in the opinion of your committee excessive. They offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of P. G. J. H. Seaman be sustained, and the decision of the Grand Lodge of Ohio be reversed.

GEO. D. WINCHELL,
JOHN A. KENNEDY,
W. A. STRONG,
B. W. DENNIS,
GEO. W. ADAMS.

Rep. Davis, of Arkansas, moved that the Lodge reconsider the resolution adopting the report of the Committee on Mileage, which was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the hickory arm chair, presented through the M.W. Grand Sire, be accepted, and that the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to have the following inscription placed, in permanent form, on the chair: "Presented at the Hermitage to the Grand Lodge of the United States I. O. O. F. by G. Rep. H. K. Walker, of Tennessee, on behalf of Dr. John Marshall Lawrence, a member of the family of the late Andrew Jackson, who constructed the chair with hickory withes grown upon the Hermitage estate, Nashville, September 20th, 1860."

Rep. Woodward, of Iowa, moved the following resolution, which was resolved in the negative:

Resolved, That no new business will be received after this evening's session.

Rep. Shinkle of Kentucky, moved to reconsider the order fixing the hours of meeting and adjournment, which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Harvey, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That when this Lodge adjourns, it will adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

On motion of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21—8 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH..R. W. D. Grand Sire, presiding.
WILLIAM THAYER.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. A. PAUL REPITON..R. W. Grand Chaplain.
ISAAC M. TUCKER.....R. W. Grand Marshal.
SOLOMON H. LEWYT....W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN..W. G. Messenger.

And a quorum of jurisdictions.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. A. Paul Repiton, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. Herndon, of Indiana, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS the intention of the system of mileage is to defray the actual expenses of the Representatives in attending the sessions of this R. W. Grand Lodge; and whereas this R. W. Grand Lodge is satisfied that the overland mail route from California is at the present time unsafe and uncertain for passengers, and that the Representatives now present from the Grand Bodies in that State could not obtain passage by that route in time to attend this session—

Resolved, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to add to the mileage already voted to the Representatives from California for this session such sums as shall make their whole allowance equal to the rate of travel estimated by the Panama route.

Rep. Phillips, of New Jersey, raised a point of order as follows:

It is not in order to consider the subject under discussion, the question having already been decided, and a reconsideration of the question involving it refused.

The Chair overruled the point of order.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution—

Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, moved the previous question.

The main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. Thayer, of South Carolina, seconded by Reps. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, Granniss, of Georgia, Burnham, of Maine, Krogman, of Massachusetts, and Dwinelle, of Northern New York.

Amend article twelve of Constitution to the read:

"1. This Grand Lodge shall meet biennially on the third Monday of September, at 9 o'clock A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet on the calls of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, Territo-

rial, and Colonial Grand Bodies, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting, unless notice thereof has been given as above provided.

"2. During the time intervening between the biennial session there shall be a Committee of the Grand Sire, the Deputy Grand Sire, the Grand Secretary, and the Committee on Appeals appointed at the last preceding session, to whom appeals and applications for charters may be made or any other business referred not affecting the finance of the Grand Lodge nor being of a legislative nature. Said committee shall hold semi-annual sessions, their action being always subject to confirmation or reversal by the Grand Lodge at its next session.

"3. Article nine and other articles of the Constitution are hereby ordered to be conformed in phraseology so as not to conflict with this."

Rep. Harvey, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Lodge will now proceed to the consideration of the reports of committees as they occur in the proceedings, and continue the same until such reports are disposed of.

The first report, (page 3228) being from the Committee on Printing, on printing the Grand Sire's report, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3228,) from the Legislative Committee, on resolution (page 2976) on the subject of qualifications of petitioners for opening new Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3229,) from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, of Maryland, of Illinois, and of Pennsylvania, and of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3230,) from the Committee on the State of the Order, on inquiry from the Grand Lodge of Alabama whether the widows of deceased Odd-Fellows who were in good standing at the time of death can receive the Degree of Rebekah, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3230,) from the Committee on Finance, on printing in the German language the ceremony for opening and closing Degree Lodges, the opening and closing ceremony of the Degree of Rebekah, and the form of funeral service, was considered.

The question being on adopting the report—

Rep. Adams, of Georgia, moved the previous question.

The main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the Committee on Finance?" which was decided in the affirmative.

The next report, (page 3230,) from the Committee on Finance, on the subject of printing the form of public installation in the German language, was considered.

Rep. Roberts, of Indiana, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report of the Finance Committee on the subject of printing the form of public installation in the German language be referred back, with instructions to report in favor of the resolution offered.

Rep. Adams, of Georgia, moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which was agreed to.

The next report, (page 3231,) from the Committee on Petitions, relating to the sessions of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, relating to the session of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, was considered.

Rep. Earl, of Ohio, raised the following point of order:

It is not competent for this Body to take such action as will contravene the provisions of the Constitution of a State Grand Body.

The Chair ruled that it was not competent to decide the question, for the reason that the Constitution prohibits the Chair from deciding questions of that character.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved the previous question.

The main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report and resolution of the committee?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, (page 3231,) from the Committee on Returns, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3233,) from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the decisions of the M. W. Grand Sire during the recess, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3234,) from the same committee, on the resolutions of Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, (page 3235,) on the enquiry propounded by the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts as to which officer it is the duty of to give the certificate of standing in a Lodge to a member who applies for admission into an Encampment, was considered.

Rep. Krogman, of Massachusetts, moved to amend as follows:

That it is the duty of the Recording Secretary to give the necessary certificate under the seal of the Lodge, as no other officer is in possession of the official facts required.

Rep. Smith, of Rhode Island, moved to lay the whole subject on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Marble, of Massachusetts, moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. Krogman, of Massachusetts?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurred on the adoption of the report of the committee, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, (page 3237,) from the Committee on Constitutions, on the constitution of Chipola Encampment, No. 3, Florida, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3244) from the Committee on Finance, on the general accounts of the Grand Lodge and its assets and resources, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3245,) from the Committee on Correspondence, on the correspondence of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3246,) from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Legislative Committee, (page 3247,) on the resolution of Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, upon the subject of certificates to members of defunct Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3248,) from the Committee on Printing, in awarding the contract for printing revised Journal, was considered.

Rep. Boylston, of South Carolina, moved to strike out the third resolution accompanying the report, which was agreed to, and the report and resolutions, as amended, were adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Finance, (page 3249,) on the estimates of receipts and expenditures for the year 1860–61, with resolution accompanying, was considered.

The question being on adopting the report and accompanying resolutions, Rep. Earl, of Ohio, moved to strike out the resolution increasing the price of cards.

Rep. Phillips, of New Jersey, moved the previous question, and the main question was ordered, and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the motion of Rep. Earl, of Ohio, to strike out the resolution increasing the price of cards?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on adopting the report, as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, from the Committee on Finance, (page 3250,) recommending the payment of sundry claims, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Appeals, (page 3251,) on the communication of P. G. Rep. Samuel L. Adams, of Kentucky, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, (page 3251,) on the appeal of G. Rep. W. C. Earl, of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the same committee, (page 3252,) on the appeal of P. G. S. Catlin, was considered and adopted.

The next report, from the Committee on Printing, (page 3253,) on the re-publication of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was considered.

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved to lay the report and resolution on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report—

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, moved to strike out the resolution accompanying the report of the committee, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurred on adopting the report as amended—

Rep. Conley, of Georgia, moved the previous question.

The main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the report of the committee as amended?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

By general consent the rule was suspended, and—

Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the enquiry from the Grand Encampment of South Carolina relative to the power of an officer of an Encampment to resign, respectfully report:

That the subject is one that does not properly come under the supervision of this committee. They therefore ask to be discharged from its further consideration.

JOHN A. KENNEDY,
GEO. D. WINCHELL,
GEO. W. ADAMS,
B. W. DENNIS,
W. A. STRONG.

The Lodge resumed the consideration of reports.

The next report, from the Committee on Appeals, (page 3262,) on the appeal of J. H. Seaman, was considered and adopted.

The next report, being from the R. W. Grand Officers authorizing a duplicate charter for the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, (page 3253,) was considered and adopted.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was considered by special order, the rule being suspended.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended constitution of the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, ask leave to report:

That they have had that document under consideration, and have carefully considered its several parts.

Your committee would recommend that, if upon consideration of the whole document the Grand Lodge shall determine to approve its general character, the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia be directed to strike out of "clause four, section three, article sixteen," all after the word "*session*," in the fourth line, to the word "*information*," in the eighth line, inclusive, as an improper interference with the secrecy of the ballot, and a provision which cannot be enforced.

Your committee would further respectfully report, that, although with the above exception they find no particular provision in the amended instrument which is in itself at variance with the Constitution or any law of this Grand Lodge, they nevertheless have some hesitation in recommending its approval in the form in which it is presented.

The document submitted to your committee appears to be not so much a constitution embracing only the necessary provisions incident to the fundamental law of such an association, as it is a re-enactment, digest, or embodiment of all the legislation and judicial decisions of the Grand Lodge of the United States up to the last annual session of this Grand Body applicable to the Patriarchal branch of the Order—many of them stated only in digest form—imperfect, incomplete and not explained by the instrument itself, but requiring the production of an entirely different instrument, paper, or book to complete many of its sentences, and hence liable to uncertainty, confusion, and conflicting constructions.

While the committee would not claim for the Grand Lodge of the United States the power to dictate to the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia the particular form in which it shall frame its organic law, it does appear to them to be eminently proper that, whatever form may be adopted, its provisions should be as simple, direct, and comprehensive as possible, without unnecessary prolixity, and free from any clauses, sentences, or paragraphs that are imperfect or incomplete in themselves, and incapable of being understood without resorting to other and entirely distinct enactments, of other and entirely distinct bodies or authorities.

Your committee entertain serious doubts as to the propriety of recognising the right of a Grand Encampment thus to re-enact in form the laws of this Grand Lodge, as indicating an assumed necessity for such legislation to give effect to its enactments, which are in themselves of the highest authority and binding upon the entire Order, independent of any local legislation.

Your committee would respectfully recommend that the document referred to them be returned to the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia for such modification as shall relieve it of the objections that in its present form present themselves.

F. A. ELLIS,
L. B. HILLS,
WM. MARBLE,
WM. J. HOKE.

Rep. McLean, of the District of Columbia, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report be recommitted to the committee with instructions to report whether or not the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia is in conformity with the Constitution and Laws of this Grand Body, and if in conformity therewith, to report in favor of its adoption.

The question being on the motion to recommit, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report—

Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, moved to recommit with instructions as follows:

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Constitutions, in regard to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the District of Columbia, be recom-

mitted, and that said committee be directed to *state in detail* wherein the Constitution of said Grand Encampment is not in conformity with the Laws of this Grand Lodge and the Order.

This resolution was ruled out of order by the Chair, it being in substance the same proposition as the one offered by Rep. McLean and rejected by the Lodge.

Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The question being: "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Clements, of the District of Columbia, moved to lay the report on the table, which was resolved in the negative.

The question being on adopting the report of the committee, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred a paper submitted as an amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Tennessee, ask leave to report:

That they have examined the paper so referred to them, but do not find it to contain any distinct "*article*, *section*, or *clause*" purporting to be in lieu of or an amendment to any article, section, or clause of the existing Constitution, but simply a statement by the Representatives that an amendment of a certain general character had been adopted, and this without any authentication under the seal of the Encampment or by the Scribe thereof.

Your committee further report that they find from a pamphlet copy of the proceedings of the Grand Encampment submitted to them, that the amendment referred to was adopted, if adopted at all, at a session of the Grand Encampment of Tennessee held on the 10th of April, 1860, and at a time when, by the terms of the fifth article of the existing Constitution, which requires the regular session to be held on the Monday before the third Wednesday of April, annually, no such meeting or session of the Encampment could be legally convened.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that the matter be referred back to the Grand Encampment of Tennessee for its constitutional action, and that the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

F. A. ELLIS,
WM. J. HOKE,
L. B. HILLS,
WM. MARBLE.

On motion of Rep. Harvey, of Indiana, the rule requiring reports to lie on the table, was generally suspended, and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendments of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California, ask leave to report that they have carefully examined the said amendments, and finding them to be in conformity with the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, respectfully recommend that they be approved.

F. A. ELLIS,
WM. J. HOKE,
L. B HILLS,
WM. MARBLE.

Rep. Ellis, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions ask leave to report that they have examined the amended Constitution and General Laws of the Grand Encampment of Maryland, and find the same to be in conformity with the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, with the exception of article five of the General Laws.

Your committee would recommend that the Grand Encampment of Maryland be directed to strike out of said article all after the word "*meetings*," in the twelfth line, to the word "*Encampment*," in the sixteenth line, inclusive.

With this correction your committee recommend that the said Constitution and General Laws be approved.

WM. MARBLE,
F. A. ELLIS,
L. B. HILLS,
WM. J. HOKE.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions respectfully report that they have examined the amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, submitted to their consideration, and recommend its approval.

F. A. ELLIS,
WM. J. HOKE,
WM. MARBLE,
L. B. HILLS.

Rep. Burnham, of Maine, from the committee on this subject, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee upon Unfinished Business have examined the Journal for 1859, and find there is no business which has not been acted upon.

EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
THEODORE FROMENT,
J. D. RODNEY.

Rep. McKinstry, of Alabama, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was considered and adopted :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the queries presented by the acting Grand Patriarch of South Carolina, (page 3204,) beg leave to report that the whole subject is a matter of local legislation. In the absence of any local legislation on the subject, your committee are of the opinion that the action of the Encampment was correct.

ALEX. McKINSTRY,
JAS. E. STARR,
J. S. HARVEY,
F. D. STUART.

Rep. Mills, of Kentucky, moved the following resolutions, which were adopted :

Resolved, *unanimously*, That the Grand Lodge of the United States fully appreciates the kind endeavors of the members of the Order in Nashville to contribute to our comfort whilst in this city, and the efforts they have made to this end shall be remembered with pleasure and gratitude.

Resolved, That our honorable reception at the State Capitol, our visit to Mrs. James K. Polk, and our excursion to the Hermitage, are worthy of special remembrance, and will be cherished by us as among the most pleasant incidents of our lives.

Resolved, That the presentation of the hickory chair at the Hermitage by Dr. J. M. Lawrence is peculiarly calculated to excite our admiration and our pride, and we rejoice to have such a memorial from the home of the illustrious soldier, statesman, and patriot, Andrew Jackson, entrusted to our hands.

Resolved, That the above resolutions, together with the resolution offered by Rep. Kennedy, of Southern New York, in reference to the inscription to be placed on the chair, be published in the papers of this city.

In accordance with the resolution offered by Rep. Starr, of Illinois, and adopted by the Grand Lodge, Rep. Walker, of Tennessee, submitted the following paper :

Visit of the Grand Lodge of the United States to the Hermitage—Presentation of a Hickory Arm Chair.

Pursuant to previous arrangement the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States assembled at 8 A. M. Thursday morning at Odd-Fellows' Hall, for the purpose of accompanying their brethren of the Order of this city upon an excursion to the Hermitage. The scene at the Hall was an interesting one, between two and three hundred of the Order being assembled, with the necessary vehicles to convey them to their destination. Under the efficient

management of Grand Marshal E. R. Glascock, and Messrs. G. W. Cunningham, H. C. Hensley, and W. W. Thurmond, of the Committee of Arrangements, the company was soon comfortably bestowed in the carriages, and preceded by Fenton's Band, in an open carriage, on their way out. The trip was pleasant and without accident, and before mid-day the whole party was on the grounds. The premises were examined by the guests with great interest. Most of the interesting relics and mementoes, paintings, &c. which belonged to Gen. Jackson, have been removed, and the house is vacant. The old office chair of George Washington, however, was still there, and was examined with interest, as well as the celebrated carriage made of live oak from the old ship "*Constitution*," and the family carriage of the General in which he traveled to and from Washington during his term of office as President. The tomb was also examined with the deepest interest, and one of the most interesting features with the assemblage around that spot was the performance of a dirge, the guests standing with heads uncovered.

After a full examination of the house and grounds, dinner was announced. This feature of the entertainment was well gotten up under the jurisdiction of the proprietor of the Barnes' House. The tables were bountifully spread and the wines excellent.

After dinner the attention of the members of the Grand Lodge was called by Chief Marshal Glascock to the balcony of the house, upon which appeared the Chief Marshal of the day, the R. W. Grand Sire, Fitzhugh, of Virginia, Dr. John M. Lawrence, present custodian of the Hermitage property, and G. Rep. H. K. Walker, of Tennessee. The Chief Marshal announced that Dr. Lawrence desired to present the Grand Lodge of the United States a Hickory Arm Chair, made of withes grown upon the Hermitage estate, and Grand Representative Walker, of Tennessee, proceeded formally to make the presentation in the following remarks:

Most Worthy Grand Sire and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of the United States:

I have the pleasure to announce to you, sir, that I am deputed by my friend, Dr. Lawrence, the present custodian of these grounds, to present through you to the Grand Grand Lodge of the United States this handsome specimen of his mechanical genius, which for a Doctor, whose practice is generally supposed to be rather in the way of *patching up* than *constructing*, I consider highly creditable. Regarded strictly with a practical eye, simply as an Arm Chair, though its rustic beauty will be freely acknowledged, its appropriateness as a gift to the distinguished Body which you represent may not be apparent. But a moment's reflection will impress you with the fact, sir, that the idea of the donor in offering it for your acceptance is by no means devoid of significance. When you recollect, sir, that these hickory withes, of which it is so ingeniously constructed, were gathered amid the groves of the Hermitage—in *his* active lifetime the coveted spot where the Hero, Soldier, and Statesman sought repose, alike from the fatigues and dangers of the tented field—from "the havoc of war and the battle's confusion"—and from the no less trying ordeal of civic duty to which the voice of his grateful countrymen summoned him; when you remember that they were gathered from this spot, hallowed by *his* presence during the closing years of his eventful life, when his beloved country, "blessed with victory and peace," no longer needed his gallant arm in its defence, and when his great heart, subdued and soothed by the gentle influences of a beloved family circle and the consolations of religion, calmly awaited the summons hence; when you remember, too, that they come from the hallowed retreat where his ashes repose beside those of his beloved Rachel; when all these thoughts are associated with this humble memento, I am sure you will highly appreciate and warmly cherish it as a souvenir of your visit to the honored grave of Andrew Jackson.

Another idea may be understood as symbolized by this gift of our friend. As a body, sir, the organization which you represent is one of the few that, amid the fierce sectional contests which have so unfortunately distracted our beloved country, has preserved a perfect unity, and, regardless of the war of factions without, pursued the plain path of duty, dispensing its blessings and its

charities alike upon a united brotherhood—in the fullest sense of the idea, knowing no North, no South, no East, no West. If our political institutions are to outlive the present generation, and continue to afford in the future, as they have in the past, an asylum for the oppressed of all nations, and the only hope of the friends of civil and religious liberty throughout the world, the lessons of our patriot fathers, learned, remembered, and practised in the spirit which actuates your organization, must preserve them. The man in honor of whose memory you are to-day assembled was a representative of that spirit. In that immortal sentiment, "The Federal Union—it *must* be preserved," was concentrated and epitomized that deep seated devotion to his whole country which so distinguished his long public career, whether engaged in subduing the wilderness and defending its borders from savage incursions—in pursuing the hostile red-skin to a capitulation, or in arranging with them treaties of peace and amity—whether in the Halls of Congress or in the Executive Chair—and which was finally so eloquently elaborated in that immortal paper, his farewell address.

This Chair, then, sir, while it will serve to remind you of your visit to this hallowed spot, will also, by refreshing your recollections of the services of the illustrious dead who sleeps here, of his devotion to his country, and his sacrifices in its behalf, revive your own patriotism, and stimulate you to press on in your great and noble work of fraternizing the world.

Allow me, then, to express the hope that you will accept the gift, that it be adopted as the official chair of yourself and your successors forever, and that in all future time, as now, its occupant shall be recognised as the head of a brotherhood knowing no sectional divisions and recognising no geographical lines, but continuing to show the world an example of the incalculable good which may be accomplished by an army of Odd-Fellows, warring upon vice in all its forms, and marching on, conquering and to conquer, under the glorious banner of Friendship, Love, and Truth.

To which the Most Worthy Grand Sire, E. H. Fitzhugh, responded as follows:

GRAND REP. WALKER: When, under the escort of our brethren from Nashville, we had the privilege of visiting the tomb of the Hero of the Hermitage, we felt that we all were highly honored, but this pleasing incident of the day, wholly unexpected and unlooked for, has greatly added to the gratification which this visit has afforded.

On behalf of the Grand Lodge of the United States, on behalf of the Representatives from every section of that Union which the great man whose memory we have met to honor to-day loved so well and served so faithfully, I accept the beautiful memento which has been so kindly tendered to us.

We shall ever retain it as one of the most cherished possessions of our Order; as the honored memorial of a great and good man, who, by his conduct in the field and wisdom in the Cabinet, has contributed so much to the substantial glory of our country—a man who was so great and so honored that he needs no monument to perpetuate his memory—one who lives enshrined in the hearts of his countrymen. We feel proud that this opportunity has been given us to visit the tomb of the hero, the patriot, and the statesman, and gratefully accept this beautiful memorial of our visit.

Loud calls were then made for Dr. Lawrence, who responded as follows:

GENTLEMEN: You have called upon me for a sentiment. I am no speaker, but I highly appreciate the honor. I am informed that there are Representatives of your Order here from every State and Territory in the Union, who have come to pay homage to the home and sepulchre of the illustrious hero. I think the motto of Old Hickory the most appropriate sentiment that I can offer. I therefore give you

"The Federal Union: It must be preserved."

The sentiment was warmly received, and Chief Marshal Glascock proposed three cheers for the Union, which was responded to with great heartiness.

Rep. John W. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, was then called upon, and responded as follows:

BRETHREN: This day and its incidents will always be remembered and noted as constituting one of the most pleasant events of my life; one to be marked with a white stone in its calendar. We have visited the dwelling and surrounded the tomb of one of the great men of our common country; one whom even his enemies praised, in saying that by the mere force of his will he impressed his opinions upon the mind of a whole nation. Here he lived; he reposed in these shades and traversed these fields; here he sleeps in death. I confess that in here walking in his footsteps, and breathing the air he breathed in his accustomed scenes, I have received new impressions of the completeness and symmetry of his character..

"Call no man happy until he dies," is a sentiment of antiquity which is unhappily too generally verified by the vicissitudes of human life; but this great man, like his great rivals—Clay, Calhoun, and Webster—anticipated the judgment of posterity, and in the evening of his life enjoyed the unchallenged fruition of a patriot's well-earned fame. For he was not like Wolsey:

> "An old man broken by the storms of State,
> And craving a little earth for Charity;"

but, storm-beaten and yet robust, war-worn and yet erect, the battle of life well fought, he came back to the fields which he had cultivated, to the mansion which he had built, and which expresses his ideas of domestic comfort and social hospitality, and to the trees which he had planted, followed by the respect and appreciation of the world, to spend the evening of his life among the neighbors who esteemed him, and in the bosom of the family of relatives and life-long domestics who loved him so well. Beside the grave of that estimable woman, over whose remains he placed a record, composed by himself, presenting an epitaph for beauty and simplicity unsurpassed in all literature, and which suggests a love and devotion which it exceeds the power of language to express, with a fervent "nunc dimittis Domine" he awaited the summons which was to reunite him to his beloved wife.

But this sentiment of pleasure, in being permitted thus to visit these scenes and to receive an insight into the inner life of this great man, is mingled with sadness, when we reflect that few of us will probably ever return here again, and that the impressions we now receive, like all others, will gradually lose their vividness with the lapse of time. The teachings of this occasion, however, will never fade wholly away; and our brethren of Nashville have prepared for us a pleasure as great as it was unexpected. I am sure, Representatives, that I express your own feelings in anticipating a formal engrossment of your sense of their kindness and courtesy in projecting and arranging this visit, and in tendering to them now your grateful thanks.

On motion of Rep. Mills, of Kentucky, it was ordered that the communication be spread upon the Journal, and published in the daily papers of Nashville.

On motion of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, the Lodge agreed to consider the amendment proposed by him to the By-Laws, (page 3216,) being an amendment to Article X of the By-Laws, as follows:

Amend Article X of the By-Laws by adding thereto as follows: "And in default of such returns being made and the dues thereon paid within ten days prior to the annual meeting of this Body, the Representatives from such delinquent Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments shall not be admitted to a seat in such annual meeting.

On motion of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, to adopt the proposed amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Reps. Adams, Anderson, Boylston, Bragg, Clark of North Carolina, Clark of Vermont, Conley, Dennis, Dwinelle, Earl, Ellis, Escavaille, Farnsworth, Froment, Granniss, Hall, Harper, Harris, (2 votes,) Harvey, Herndon, Hills, Hoke, Hughes, Hunt of Texas, Hunt of Michigan, Iredale, Kennedy, Kidder, Krogman, Lamberton, McKinstry, Magee, Marble, Marley, Meriam, Miller, Mitchell, Nicholson, Noble, Nutter, Phillips, Pond, Prall, Roberts, Robinson, Israel, Robinson, J. H., Rodney, Schiefer, Scott, Smith of Michigan, Smith of Rhode Island, Steere, Stetson, (2 votes,) Smart, Taylor, Thayer, True, (2 votes,) Veitch, Walker, White, Winchell, Woodward—65.

NAYS—Reps. Clements, Davis, McLean, Mason, Mills, Richardson, Shinkle, Stuart, Welty—9.

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That when we adjourn it be to meet at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the installation of the officers elect be made the special order for this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Rep. Hall, of California, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee to whom was referred the petition of A. M. Winn, of California, having had the same under consideration, and carefully examined the case, recommend that the papers be sent to the Grand Lodge of Mississippi for such action as that Grand Body may deem just and proper.

W. N. HALL,
W. A. STRONG,
THOMAS BROWN,
CHARLES NUTTER,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Sire be requested to transmit to the widow of President James K. Polk a copy of the resolution heretofore passed, expressive of the sentiments of the members of this Grand Lodge in regard to the kind reception and sumptuous entertainment extended to them by that lady.

Rep. Granniss, of Georgia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance beg leave to make a further report of the expenditures of the current year:

Engraving card plates	$500 00
Repairs of furniture owned by the Grand Lodge	200 00
	$700 00

Resolved, That the further sum of seven hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of the card plates and repairs of furniture, and the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue his warrants for the same.

E. C. GRANNISS,
J. H. ROBINSON,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
W. H. H. PRALL,
ISAAC M. VEITCH.

On motion of Rep. Walker, of Tennessee, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to Grand Sire Samuel Craighead, for the very able, courteous, and impartial manner in which he has performed the very arduous and responsible duties of his office.

Resolved, That P. G. Sire Samuel Craighead be requested to sit for his portrait, to be placed in the Hall of this Grand Lodge, and that the expenses incurred for the same be paid from the treasury of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Dwinelle, of Northern New York, the Lodge agreed to consider the amendment proposed by him to the Rules of Order, (page 3243,) as follows:

40. Any propositions offered for reference to any Standing Committee of this Body, which shall require an entry in full upon the Journal, shall be submitted in duplicate, either in print or manuscript; and if in writing, they shall be on paper not less in size than half a page of foolscap.

On motion of Rep. Conley, of Georgia, the By-Law was unanimously adopted.

Rep. Hills, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the committee on that subject:

Resolved, That the committee to whom was referred the subject of revising the work of the five degrees be directed to inquire and report upon the propriety or expediency of incorporating into the instructions required to be given in conferring degrees the several emblems of our Order and give such emblems a fixed language.

Rep. Davis, of Arkansas, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. Davis, of Arkansas, seconded by Reps. Harper, of Alabama, Stuart, of District of Columbia, and Hall, of California:

Amend section three of article one of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge by inserting between the words "Encampment" and "all," in the tenth line of said section, the words, "But the Grand Lodge of Arkansas, in addition to its regular jurisdiction, shall have that of a Grand Encampment, and no other Grand Encampment shall be allowed in that State, and all Subordinate Encampments in that State shall be subject to said Grand Lodge."

On motion, the Lodge adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present, E. H. Fitzhugh, R. W. D. Grand Sire, presiding, all the Grand Officers, and a quorum of jurisdictions.

Rep. Noble, of Minnesota, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to complete the printing of the Daily Journal at Baltimore, immediately after his return to that city, and that he be directed to forward by mail, under envelope, two copies to each Officer and Representative in this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Partridge, of Canada West, addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: It becomes my melancholy duty to proclaim the demise of Past Grand Representative Thomas Reynolds, of Canada West, which took place during the last session of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge.

To the untiring exertions of our late brother, the Order in Western Canada mainly owes its present prosperity.

His demise is one that will long be mourned and deeply regretted by his colleagues in Western Canada, by his fellow-members of this Body, and by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

Rep. Hills, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the form adopted by this Grand Lodge for public dedication of Halls and laying corner-stones be published in the appendix to the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, and that these forms be used by the Order, and no other.

Rep. Jacob H. Robinson, of Virginia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to employ a competent person to prepare an entire new Index to the Journal to be published with the new edition of the Journal authorized at this session.

Rep. Granniss, of Georgia, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to communicate to the various Grand Bodies under this jurisdiction, in circular form, the amendment added to article ten of our By-Laws.

On motion of Rep. Woodward, of Iowa, the Lodge agreed to consider the amendment to the By-Laws proposed by him, (page 3240,) as follows:

Amend article 11 of the By-Laws, as follows:
"And no Representative shall be entitled to more than one vote in elections for Grand Officers."

On his further motion, the amendment was unanimously adopted.

Rep. Phillips, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS this Grand Lodge has received important aid during its present session from the services of P. G. James Young, particularly in the matter of the printing of the proceedings of this session. Therefore

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay him for the service so rendered the sum of fifty dollars.

On motion of Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge now proceeded to the installation of the Grand Officers elect.

The Chair announced the following form and order of presentation of the Grand Officers elect for installation:

P. G. R. B. Boylston, of South Carolina, M. W. Grand Sire elect, will be presented by P. G. Sire J. A. Kennedy, of Southern New York, and P. G. Sire Geo. W. Race, of Louisiana.

P. G. M. Milton Herndon, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire elect, will be presented by P. G. George W. Adams, of Georgia, and P. G. M. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania.

P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary elect, will be presented by P. G. M. Isaac M. Veitch, of Missouri, and P. G. Amos Shinkle, of Kentucky.

P. G. M. Joshua Vansant, R. W. Grand Treasurer elect, will be presented by P. G. M. R. A. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, and P. G. Thomas Partridge, of Canada West.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bond of the Grand Treasurer, have examined the same, and recommend its approval.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
W. H. H. PRALL,
E. C. GRANNISS,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
J. H. ROBINSON.

P. G. Robert B. Boylston, of South Carolina, M. W. Grand Sire elect, being presented by P. G. Sires Kennedy and Race to the foot of the Chair, was qualified by the M. W. Grand Sire, and seated on the right of the Chair.

P. G. M. Milton Herndon, of Indiana, was then presented by Reps. Adams, of Georgia, and Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, was qualified and seated to the right of the Chair.

P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Maryland, R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary elect, was then presented by Reps. Veitch, of Missouri, and Shinkle, of Kentucky, qualified, and conducted to his seat.

P. G. M. Joshua Vansant, of Maryland, R. W. Grand Treasurer elect, was presented by Reps. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, and Partridge, of Canada West, was qualified and seated on the right of the Chair.

The Grand Sire elect nominated the following Grand Officers:

Rev. P. G. M. E. M. P. Wells, of Massachusetts, for R. W. Grand Chaplain.

P. G. M. E. D. Farnsworth, of Tennessee, for R. W. Grand Marshal.

P. G. John E. Chamberlain, of Maryland, W. Grand Messenger.

P. G. Solomon H. Lewyt, of Maryland, W. Grand Guardian.

The nominations having been unanimously confirmed by the Lodge, the nominees present were qualified by the M. W. Grand Sire, and conducted to their respective seats.

R. W. D. Grand Sire Fitzhugh, acting M. W. Grand Sire, in retiring from the Chair, addressed the Lodge, returning in eloquent and impressive language his thanks to the Body for the indulgence and kind courtesies which had been extended to him as presiding officer during the session, and expressive of his deep sense of the obligation which it imposed upon him, the memory of which he would ever cherish as among the most pleasing reminiscences of his life.

The M. W. Grand Sire, Robert B. Boylston, the ceremony of installation being completed, took the chair, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

Representatives: I trust that I shall not be regarded as performing a mere ceremony when I tender to you, sincerely, my grateful acknowledgements for the distinguished honor you have conferred upon me.

No one can be so conscious as myself that, in calling me to this chair, the Grand Lodge has been influenced rather by considerations of personal regard towards me than any merit I may possess, or service I may have been able to render. I should otherwise enter upon my present duties with unfeigned reluctance; but relying upon a continuance of that kindness which I have ever found manifested here, and which has made our annual communications, for some years, a period of rejoicing to me, I look forward confidently to a term which shall still further extend the usefulness of our Order.

Of himself, the presiding officer can effect but little. It is to the collected wisdom of the Representatives here assembled that our organization looks for vigor and healthy progress. This Body deservedly enjoys the confidence and affection of its constituency, and I honestly believe that it is not merely regarded by them as the official, legislative, and judicial head of the Order, but as the centre whence emanate and in which are fostered, those sentiments of Benevolence and Truth which endear the Order to its membership, and command for it the respect and admiration of the world. The influence your Body exerts upon its Subordinates, and the confidence and esteem in which it is held by them, far exceeds, in my judgment, that of the judicial or legislative head of any other organization. This is doubtless owing to the wisdom of the framers of our Constitution, which concedes to the

Subordinates such large and general powers of legislation, and reserves for you only such powers as are cheerfully yielded, because known and felt to be for the general welfare. It would be a sad and gloomy day, one full of woe to Humanity and Charity, when these ties of confidence and esteem between the head and its members should be at all weakened, or symptoms of estrangement should exhibit themselves. Let it be your aim, my brothers, so to discharge your duties here that such fatal results shall not ensue; that while boldly maintaining and independently exercising the functions with which you are constitutionally invested, and seeing to it faithfully that the Order receives no detriment, you cheerfully concede to your Subordinates the largest liberty which the Constitution and the laws enacted in pursuance thereof will admit, and thus maintain that dear, aye, tender relation of a mother to her children. Thus, with reciprocal feelings of duty and affection, shall we progress in the good work in which we are engaged.

Unlike political and most other organizations, your presiding officer, at the commencement of his official term, finds it no part of his duty to lay down the principles by which he shall be guided in administering the executive duties. These are laid down for his and your guidance in a Constitution, which happily admits on all matters of importance of no latitudinarian or discordant views or construction, and to these and the laws in conformity therewith, we shall all, I am very confident, cheerfully conform, according to our best judgment.

Nor need I undertake any exposition of principles, or presume to address words of exhortation to you, the distinguished recipients of the honors of your several jurisdictions. Your presence here, under their commission, affords the highest evidence of your capacity as teachers, rather than as learners of our tenets and doctrine. But it is your duty to expound and unfold these principles and tenets by your walk and conversation, and thus, theoretically and practically, extend this noble charity, calculated as it is to improve the heart and intellect of both teacher and learner.

Trusting that it may be the good pleasure of Providence to superintend and forward the work of Love, for which we are associated, and that as years advance we shall progress in true knowledge, virtue, and usefulness, I commend you to the duties with which we are charged.

Rep. Hoke, of North Carolina, moved the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and they are hereby tendered to R. W. Deputy Grand Sire Fitzhugh, for the very able, courteous, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has discharged the unusually arduous duties of Grand Sire during the present term.

Resolved, That in consideration of these services, and of the services heretofore rendered this Grand Lodge, in all the departments of duty which he has been called upon to discharge and fill, the Grand Lodge recognise a debt of obligation which they propose in part to discharge by tendering this acknowledgment, and the additional request that he consent to sit for his portrait to embellish our Grand Lodge, and that an engraved likeness be made to be inserted in the bound Journal, and that the Grand Secretary have the same carried into effect.

P. D. Grand Sire Edward H. Fitzhugh rose in his place and returned his thanks to the Lodge for the wholly unexpected and generous compliment which had been conferred upon him by the resolutions just adopted, under circumstances which served to add to the obligations which the Lodge had already placed him under, and begged to assure his brethren that it would be his highest ambition to merit, by his life and conduct, a continuance of their regard and esteem.

Rep. Mills, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials have examined the certificate of election of P. D. Grand Sire Edward H. Fitzhugh, from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, and find the same correct.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON,
JOSEPH KIDDER,
BENJAMIN C. TRUE,
J. M. MILLS.

Rep. Roberts, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was resolved in the negative:

Resolved, That the proper officers be instructed to sign a sufficient number of Diplomas to place ten copies in the hands of each Representative in attendance, for them to dispose of to brethren in their jurisdiction, and that they forward the amount to the Grand Secretary.

Rep. Shinkle, of Kentucky, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. Shinkle, of Kentucky, seconded by Reps. Lamb, of New Jersey, and Starr, of Illinois.

Amend Constitution, article twelve.

"This Grand Lodge shall meet annually, on the first Thursday of September, at nine o'clock A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine."

Rep. Earl, of Ohio, laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution:

By Rep. Earl, of Ohio, seconded by Reps. True, of Ohio, Clark, of Vermont, and Burnham, of Maine.

Amend article nine, section two, of the Constitution, by adding thereto: "Provided that the Grand Lodge of any jurisdiction in which, by mutual agreement, the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment shall have been merged into one body, shall be entitled to such representation as the said Grand Lodge may from time to time be entitled to, and the said Representatives, in addition to the votes they would otherwise be entitled to cast, shall be allowed to add the vote to which the Grand Encampment of its State was entitled prior to and at the time of the mergement."

Amend article one, section seven, by adding these words: "But the Grand Bodies of any State or Territory may, by mutual agreement, consolidate the functions and powers of both in the Grand Lodge, and thereafter the jurisdiction previously exercised by the two bodies separately shall be vested in the State Grand Lodge, and all Subordinate Encampments in said jurisdiction shall be governed by the laws of said Grand Lodge, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Chair announced the following as the committee provided for by the resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee of three to revise the secret work of the Order:

Reps. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, Dwinelle, of Northern New York, and Nicholson, of Pennsylvania.

The business of the session having been concluded, the M. W. Grand Sire called upon the R. W. Grand Chaplain, who addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

Almighty and most merciful God—Creator of heaven and earth—Redeemer of our souls—source from whence emanates all our blessings, temporal and spiritual: We thank Thee for Thy merciful preservation and fatherly care exercised over us since we have been together in this present grand convocation. We bless Thee that the business of our beloved Order has been conducted throughout with feelings characteristic of the principles of Odd-Fellowship—that there has been nothing done with a design or calculated to wound the feelings of the humblest member. We pray Thee to bless, in common with our Officers and Representatives of this Grand Body, all the jurisdictions for which we legislate. Bless all the widows and orphans of deceased brothers, as well as all others in distress. And we most humbly pray that when we shall depart hence for our respective localities and homes, we may carry with us the true spirit of our Order. And may *Thine* unseen hand guide us, and Thy merciful providence be over us while we journey, and bring us in safety to our homes, and the embrace of those we love. And grant that we may find that those we left behind were as much the objects of Thy paternal care as we have been. And now, most merciful God, dismiss us in the bonds of Friendship, Love, and Truth, with Thy spirit to guide us and Thy love to cheer our hearts. All of which we petition through riches of grace, in Christ our Redeemer. AMEN.

Whereupon, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, the R. W. D. Grand Sire proclaimed the Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *G. C. and R. Sec'ry.*

Present during the session, and participated in the deliberations of the Grand Lodge, the following P. G. Sires:

Thomas Wildey, of Maryland, Grand Sire from 1825 to 1833.
John A. Kennedy, of New York, Grand Sire from 1841 to 1843.
George W. Race, of Louisiana, Grand Sire from 1857 to 1859.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

OF THE

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

OFFICERS.

M. W. Grand Sire R. B. Boylston.....Winsboro', S. Carolina.
R. W. D. Grand Sire Milton Herndon....Crawfordsville, Indiana.
R W. G. C. and R. Secretary Jas. L. Ridgely.Baltimore, Maryland.
R. W. Grand Treasurer Joshua Vansant..Baltimore, Maryland.
R. W. Grand Chaplain Rev. E. M. P. Wells.Boston, Massachusetts.
R. W. Grand Marshal E. D. Farnsworth.Nashville, Tennessee.
R. W. Grand Guardian Solomon H. Lewyt.Baltimore, Maryland.
R. W. Grand Messenger J. E. Chamberlain.Baltimore, Maryland.

REPRESENTATIVES.*

P. G. M. *Adams, George W.*.....Savannah, Georgia.
P. G. P. Anderson, H. G.....Peoria, Illinois.
P. G. M. Andrews, H. B.....Galveston, Texas.
P. G. M. Archer, C. C.....St. Louis, Missouri.
P. G. Barron, Q. H.....Fox Lake, Wisconsin.
P. G. M. *Blake, Newell*.....Oldtown, Maine.
P. G. *Boydston, W. L.*.....Nebraska city, Nebraska.
P. G. P. Bragg, Thomas F.....New Orleans, Louisiana.
P. G. Brown, Thomas.....Rochester, N. Hampshire.
P. G. M. Burnham, E. P.....Saco, Maine.
P. G. *Caldwell, Richard A*.....Salisbury, N. Carolina.
P. G. P. *Carlton, John W*.....Cincinnati, Ohio.

*Those in *italics* are members of the next Grand Lodge.

P. G. P. *Clark, W. H.*.....Elizabeth city, N.Carolina.
P. G. M. Clark, Henry.....Poultney, Vermont.
P. G. M. Clements, John T.....Washington, Dis. of Col.
P. G. *Conley, Benjamin*.....Augusta, Georgia.
P. G. Sec. *Davis, Wm. S.*.....Little Rock, Arkansas.
P. G. M. *Dennis, B. W.*.....Byron, Michigan.
P. G. *Dwinelle, J. W.*.....Rochester, New York.
P. G. *Damon, George*.....Tallahassee, Florida.
P. G. M. Earl, Wm. C.....Toledo, Ohio.
P. G. Ellis, F. A.....Elkton, Maryland.
P. G. Sec. *Escavaille, Joseph B*.....Baltimore, Maryland.
P. G. Farish, Oscar.....Galveston, Texas.
P. G. M. Farnsworth, E. D.....Nashville, Tennessee.
P. D. G. Sire *Fitzhugh, E. H.*.....Wheeling, Virginia.
P. G. M. *Froment, Theodore*.....New York, New York.
P. G. Fuller, E. G.....Halifax, Nova Scotia.
P. G. Granniss, E. C.....Macon, Georgia.
P. G. Hall, Wm. N.....Todd's Valley, California.
P. G. M. Hardy, John.....Selma, Alabama.
P. G. M. *Harper, Martin B*.....Mobile, Alabama.
P. G. P. *Harris, Samuel H.*.....New Haven, Connecticut.
P. G. P. Harvey, Jonathan S.....Jeffersonville, Indiana.
P. G. M. Herndon, Milton.....Crawfordsville, Indiana.
P. G. M. *Hills, L. B.*.....Waupun, Wisconsin.
P. G. Hoke, William J.....Lincolnton, N. Carolina.
P. G. M. *Hughes, Thomas*.....Iowa city, Iowa.
P. G. M. Hunt, E. P.....Galveston, Texas,
P. G. *Hunt, Charles W.*.....Adrian, Michigan.
P. G. P. *Iglehart, N. P.*.....Chicago, Illinois.
P. G. P. Iradel, A. S.....San Francisco, California.
P. G. Sire Kennedy, John A.....New York, New York.
P. G. M. Kidder, Joseph.....Manchester, N. Hampsh'e.
P. G. M. *Krogman, S. B.*.....Boston, Massachusetts.
P. G. M. *Lamb, Joseph L.*.....Pemberton, New Jersey.
P. G. M. *Lamberton, R. A.*.....Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. Lent, Abram.....New York, New York.
P. G. *McKinstry, Alex*.....Mobile, Alabama.
P. G. H. P. McLean, Wm. R.....Washington, Dis. of Col.
P. G. Magee, Jr. P.....Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. Marble, William.....Boston, Massachusetts.
P. G. M. Marley, Richard.....Baltimore, Maryland.
P. G. P. *Mason, W. B.*.....Lancaster, Kentucky.
P. G. *Meriam, B. S.*.....Keokuk, Iowa.
P. G. P. Miller, Chris.....Lafayette, Indiana.
P. G. M. Mills, J. M.....Frankfort, Kentucky.
P. G. M. Milton, John L.....Grenada, Mississippi.
P. G. P. *Mitchell, Edward*.....Charleston, S. Carolina.
P. G. M. Nicholson, James B.....Philadelphia, Pennsyl'nia.
P. G. M. Nixon, J. O.....New Orleans, Louisiana.

P. G. Noble, Orson, J.....St. Paul, Minnesota.
P. G. *Nutter, Charles*.....Saco, Maine.
P. G. Partridge, Thomas.....London, Canada West.
P. G. P. *Phillips, John H*.....Pennington, New Jersey.
P. G. *Pond, Philip*.....New Haven, Connecticut.
P. G. Sec. Prall, W. H. H.....Albany, New York.
P. G. M. Potts, John G.....Galena, Illinois.
P. G. *Richardson, Joseph*.....Wilmington, Delaware.
P. G. *Richardson, S*.....Dyersville, Tennessee.
P. G. D. G. M. *Roberts, George B*.....Laport, Indiana.
P. G. M. Robinson, E. C.....Norfolk, Virginia.
P. G. M. *Robinson, Israel*.....Martinsburg, Virginia.
P. G. M. Robinson, Jacob H.....Lynchburg, Virginia.
P. G. Rodney, John D.....Georgetown, Delaware.
P. G. *Rogers, Edgar*.....Westmoreland, Kansas.
P. G. M. Scheifer, Jacob F.....Cape Girardeau, Missouri.
P. G. M. Scott, H. K.....Ridgefield, Connecticut.
P. G. M. *Shinkle Amos*.....Covington, Kentucky.
P. G. *Slater, S. S*.....Portland, Oregon.
P. G. M. *Smith, W. Huntington*.....Adrian, Michigan.
P. G. Smith, Simri.....Providence, Rhode Island.
P. G. M. Starr, James E.....Alton, Illinois.
P. G. Steere, Thomas.....Woonsocket, Rhode Is'nd.
P. G. M. *Stetson, H. G*.....New Orleans, Louisiana.
P. G. M. *Smart, J. B*.....Concord, N. Hampshire.
P. G. M. Strong, William A.....Greenwood, Mississippi.
P. G. M. *Stuart, F. D*.....Washington, Dis. of Col.
P. G. Taylor, William P.....Philadelphia, Pennsyl'nia.
P. G. M. Thayer, William.....Charleston, S. Carolina.
P. C. P. True, B. C.....Cincinnati, Ohio.
P. G M. *Veitch, Isaac M*.....St. Louis, Missouri.
P. G. Walker, H. K.....Nashville, Tennessee.
P. G. *Welty, D. W*.....Sacramento, California.
P. G. White, David P.....Utica, New York.
P. G. *Winchell, G. D*.....Cincinnati, Ohio.
P. G. M. Woodward, B. B.....Davenport, Iowa.
P. G. P. Youlen, Aram.....Roxbury, Massachusetts.
G. M. *Young, William H*.....Baltimore, Maryland.

D. D. GRAND SIRES FOR THE YEAR 1861.

Vermont—P. G. Calvin Dart.....Bennington.
Arkansas—P. G. James A. Henry.....Little Rock.
New Mexico—P. G. John B. Grason.....Santa Fe.
Lower Provinces—P. G. E. G. Fuller....Halifax, Nova Scotia.
Oregon—P. G. M. E. M. Barnum.....Salem.

Florida—P. G. Asa B. Clark.....Tallahassee.
Kansas Territory—P. G. J. C. Hemingray..Leavenworth.
Washington Territory—P. G. Jno. K. Hall.Olympia.
Minnesota—P. G. Orson J. Noble.....St. Paul.
Delaware—P. G. M. Henry Eckel.....Wilmington.
Sandwich Islands—P. G. R. A. S. Wood...Honolulu.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

Thomas Wildey.....Baltimore, Maryland.
James Gettys*.....Georgetown, D. C.
George Keyser†.....Baltimore, Maryland.
Samuel H. Perkins.....Philadelphia, Pa.
Zenas B. Glazier‡.....Wilmington, Delaware.
John A. Kennedy.....New York, New York.
Howell Hopkins§.....Philadelphia, Pa.
Thomas Sherlock.....Cincinnati, Ohio.
Horn R. Kneass.....Philadelphia, Pa.
Robert H. Griffin‖.....Savannah, Georgia.
William W. Moore.....Washington, D. C.
Wilmot G. DeSaussure.....Charleston, S. Carolina.
William Ellison.....Boston, Massachusetts
George W. Race.....New Orleans.
Samuel Craighead.....Dayton, Ohio.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND SIRES.

John P. Entwisle.....Baltimore, Maryland.
John Welch.....Baltimore, Maryland.
Thomas Scotchburn.....Baltimore, Maryland.
Robert Neilson.....Baltimore, Maryland.
John Pearce.....Philadelphia, Pa.
Frederick Leise.....New York city, N. Y
William W. Moore.....Washington, D. C.
Horn R. Kneass.....Philadelphia, Pa.
William S. Stewart.....St. Louis, Missouri.
Albert Case.....Charleston, S. Carolina.
Newell A. Thompson.....Boston, Massachusetts.
Asher S. Kellogg.....Detroit, Michigan.
Herman L. Page.....Milwaukie, Wisconsin.
Horace A. Manchester.....Providence, R. Island..
George W. Race.....New Orleans, Louisiana.
Timothy G. Senter.....Portsmouth, N. H.
Edward H. Fitzhugh.....Wheeling, Virginia.

*Died August 15, 1844.
†Died September 19, 1837.
‡Died November 11, 1858.
§Died July, 1858.
‖Died December 14, 1855.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

Grand Lodge of the United States,

Held in the City of Baltimore, September, 1861.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1861—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication, when, upon a call of the roll, the following members were found to be present:

OFFICERS:

MILTON HERNDON.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, presiding.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. E. M. P. WELLS.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
SOLOMON H. LEWYT.....W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN.....W. Grand Messenger.

And Representatives from fifteen Grand Lodges and seven Grand Encampments, as follows:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. M. W. H. Young.....Maryland.
P. G. M. S. B. Krogman.....Massachusetts.
P. G. M. Theodore Froment.....Southern New York.
P. G. M. Robert A. Lamberton.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. Frederic D. Stuart.....District of Columbia.
P. G. Joseph Richardson, Jr.....Delaware.
P. G. George D. Winchell.....Ohio.
P. G. M. Joseph L. Lamb.....New Jersey.
P. G. M. Amos Shinkle.....Kentucky.
P. G. George B. Roberts.....Indiana.
P. G. Philip Pond.....Connecticut.
P. G. M. Joseph B. Smart.....New Hampshire.
P. G. M. B. W. Dennis.....Michigan.
P. G. M. L. B. Hills.....Wisconsin.
P. G. M. Thomas Hughes.....Iowa.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. G. P. Joseph B. Escavaille.....Maryland.
P. G. P. Magee, Jr.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. P. John W. Carlton.....Ohio.
P. G. P. Jonathan S. Harvey.....Indiana.
P. G. P. Nicholas P. Iglehart.....Illinois.
P. G. P. Samuel H. Harris.....Connecticut.
P. G. B. S. Meriam.....Iowa.

No quorum being present, the Chair announced the appointment of the following Committee on Credentials, by authority of the thirteenth article of the Constitution, section one.

Committee on Credentials.—Reps. Hills, of Wisconsin; Roberts, of Indiana; Archer, of Missouri; Marley, of Maryland; Magee, Jr., of Pennsylvania.

Rep. Hills, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was, on motion of Rep. Davies, of New York, adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials find the following brethren duly accredited as Representatives to this R. W. Grand Lodge:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. M. N. Adams.....Massachusetts.
P. D. G. Sire H. L. Page.....Wisconsin.
P. G. M. L. B. Hills.....Wisconsin.
P. G. M. Thomas Underwood.....Indiana.
P. G. M. B. J. F. Hanna.....Illinois.

P. G. M. H. W. Griswold, (appointed to fill vacancy)..... Illinois.
P. G. John A. Fuller.....Lower Prov., B. N. A.
P. G. M. S. G. Dolson.....Canada West.
P. G. M. Chas. C. Pinckney.....Southern New York.
P. G. M. John W. Jones.....Iowa.
P. G. F. A. Ellis.....Maryland.
P. G. A. D. Meacham, (vice D. W. Welty, resigned)..... California.
P. G. A. J. Gunnison.. .....California.
P. G. M. Jas. B. Nicholson.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. Chas. Hoag.....Minnesota.
P. G. A. J. Brown.....District of Columbia.
P. G. M. Edward P. Burnham.....Maine.
P. G. P. Lucius A. Thomas, (vice Sam. B. Gorham, resigned)..... Connecticut.
P. G. M. Edgar C. Dibble, (vice J. W. Dwinelle, resigned)..... Northern New York.
P. G. M. Jas. G. Sanders.....New York.
P. G. Benj. Buckley.....New Jersey.
P. G. M. Isaiah Forbes, (vice S. M. Veitch, resigned)..... Missouri.
P. G. M. C. C. Archer, (vice J. S. McFarlane, resigned)..... Missouri.
P. G. M. B. W. Dennis.....Michigan.
P. G. M. J. G. Bugbee.....Michigan.
P. G. M. John H. Wheeler..... Ohio.
P. G. M. Wm. S. Wood, (vice R. B. Boylston, elected Grand Sire)..... South Carolina.
P. G. M. Wm. Thayer.....South Carolina.
P. G. Jas. Atkinson.....Rhode Island.
P. G. M. Henry G. Stetson.....Louisiana.
P. G. Wm. P. Burnes, (vice S. S. Slater, resigned).Oregon.
P. G. Alex. N. Hall.....Delaware.
P. G. M. Geo. W. Weeks.....New Hampshire.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. G. M. Geo. W. Cassedy.....New Jersey.
P. G. P. Thos. C. Porter.....Massachusetts.
P. G. P. Richard Marley.....Maryland.
P. G. P. John H. Rowell.....New Hampshire.
P. G. William R. McLean.....District of Columbia.
P. C. P. John J. Davies.....Southern New York.
P. G. Franklin Sawyer.....Ohio.
P. G. P. Henry S. Herr.....Illinois.
P. G. M. John W. Stokes.....Pennsylvania.
P. C. P. Thomas Steere.....Rhode Island.
P. C. P. Ira C. Doe.....Maine.

P. C. P. James Sims.....Missouri.
P. G. P. Thomas B. McCarty.....Indiana.
P. G. M. Georgia W. Morris, (elected, vice W. B. Mason, deceased).....Kentucky.
P. G. J. H. Hickox.....California.
P. G. P. Jonathan Sprague.....Michigan.
P. G. M. H. O. Wilson, (vice J. B. Kellogg, resigned).....Wisconsin.
P. G. M. Dexter Gilmore.....Northern New York.

Your committee find that P. G. Barnum is present from Oregon, and claims to be the accredited Representative from that jurisdiction. He states to the committee that his certificate was to have been sent by Pony Express, but the same has not been received. Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That P. G. Barnum be admitted to a seat in this R. W. Body as Representative from Oregon.

We find the following delinquent:

GRAND LODGES.

Rhode Island, Cards.....	$20 00
Vermont, Rep. Tax, $75; Cards, $20 66.....	95 66
North Carolina, Rep. Tax, $150; Diplomas, $12 50.....	162 50
Mississippi, Rep. Tax.....	150 00
Arkansas, Rep. Tax.....	75 00
Louisiana, Rep. Tax, $150; Supplies, $45 66.....	195 66
Georgia, Rep. Tax.....	140 36
Virginia, Rep. Tax, $150; Supplies, $140.....	290 00
South Carolina, Rep. Tax.....	150 00
Texas, Rep. Tax, $150; Supplies, $90.....	240 00
Florida, Rep. Tax.....	75 00
Alabama, Rep. Tax.....	150 00
Tennessee, Rep. Tax, $140; Supplies, $60 50.....	210 50

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

Louisiana, Rep. Tax, $75; Books, $15.....	$90 00
Mississippi, Rep. Tax.....	75 00
Alabama, Rep. Tax.....	75 00
South Carolina, Rep. Tax.....	75 00
Tennessee, Rep. Tax.....	75 00
North Carolina, Rep. Tax.....	75 00
Georgia, Rep. Tax.....	75 00
Texas, Rep. Tax.....	75 00
Virginia, Rep. Tax.....	150 00

Respectfully submitted,

L. B. HILLS,
C. C. ARCHER,
GEO. B. ROBERTS,
RICHARD MARLEY,
P. MAGEE, Jr.

A quorum being now present, the Deputy Grand Sire addressed the Grand Lodge, as follows:

REPRESENTATIVES AND BROTHERS: The circumstances that surround us at this time are unparalleled in our history.

Heretofore the Representatives of our beloved Order have annually convened always under the most favorable auspices. Heretofore Representatives when they met uniformly congratulated each other upon the great success and growth of Odd-Fellowship.

What a terrible change a few months have wrought. Civil war with all its attendant evils has been inaugurated in our once happy country. While we act the part of good citizens we may pour oil upon the troubled waters, and alleviate in some degree the suffering incident to this unnatural strife.

It will not be expected that I should give a detailed statement of the workings of our Order; or that I should speak of the financial condition of this Grand Lodge.

The unhappy condition of the country, the utter impossibility of corresponding with all the jurisdictions, coupled with the fact that another should have presided over your deliberations and made to you a report in due form, preclude me from doing so.

For a statement of the condition of our Order financially and otherwise, I refer you to the reports of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and the R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Nor will I presume to make any suggestions as to the steps which should be taken by this Grand Lodge in view of the distracted condition of the country. Grave questions must arise, requiring much and serious consideration, and your known devotion to the principles of Odd-Fellowship is a sufficient guaranty that you will give them that thought and deliberation which their importance demand, having a due regard to the perpetuity of our organization and its cherished principles.

Since the last session of this Grand Lodge, death has made another inroad upon it. G. Rep. William B. Mason, of the jurisdiction of Kentucky, is no more. In the character and life of Brother Mason is illustrated the virtues of Odd-Fellowship. He was called from life in the midst of a useful and honorable career. He was honored and respected by all who knew him as an intelligent and honest man. No one took a deeper interest in the success of our organization than he, and his absence from among his brethren will create a void which will never be supplied.

Representatives, in assuming the duties of your presiding officer, I feel that I am incapable of discharging those duties as they should be discharged, but I feel assured that I shall at all times receive your kind assistance and co-operation while I endeavor to perform the duties assigned me to the best of my feeble ability.

And, in conclusion, permit me to express the hope that your deliberations may be characterized by that dignity and decorum which the great and important trusts confided to your care seem to demand.

And may He who holds in his hands the destinies of all human institutions, aid you to come to correct conclusions, and smile upon every well directed effort to ameliorate the condition of our race.

The Chair, with the sanction of the Grand Lodge, appointed P. G. M. Fred. D. Stuart, of District of Columbia, as R. W. Deputy Grand Sire *p. t.*, and P. G. M. W. H. H. Prall, of Northern New York, as R. W. Grand Marshal, *p. t.*

The Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives, and declared them duly qualified; whereupon, by order of the R. W. Grand Sire, he proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. E. M. P. Wells, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. Marley, of Maryland, the reading of the Journal of the last session was dispensed with, and it was approved as printed.

On motion of Rep. Gilmore, of Northern New York, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed, who shall draw for the seats to be occupied by the respective Representatives of the jurisdictions subordinate to this R. W. Grand Lodge, during the present session, after the manner heretofore adopted and pursued.

The Chair named Reps. Gilmore, of Northern New York; Burnham, of Maine, and Forbes, of Missouri, as the committee.

On motion of Rep. Davies, of Southern New York, the Lodge took a recess for fifteen minutes, to enable the committee on that subject to apportion the seats of Grand Representatives.

The time prescribed for recess having expired, the Lodge reassembled, when

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That until otherwise ordered this Grand Lodge hold a daily session from 9 A. M. until 2 P. M.

Rep. Davies, of Southern New York, moved to amend the resolution as follows:

Resolved, That the time for the sessions of the Grand Lodge will be to meet at 9 o'clock A. M., take a recess for thirty minutes at 12 o'clock M., and adjourn at 3½ P. M.

Rep. Sanders, of Northern New York, moved further to amend, as follows:

"Strike out 3½ o'clock P. M. and insert 3 o'clock P. M."

The question being on the amendment to the amendment, offered by Rep. Sanders, of Northern New York, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. Davies, of Southern New York, it was not agreed to.

The question being on the resolution of Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the members of the Order who have attained the proper rank may be admitted within the Lodge during its deliberations, when vouched for and introduced to the Grand Guardian by the Representatives, respectively, from the State jurisdictions to which the visitors may be attached.

On motion of Rep. Winchell, of Ohio, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the book of diagrams and secret work be placed in the hands of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire for the use and benefit of the Representatives.

The following communication was presented by the Chair:

FORT MCHENRY, MD., Sept. 16th, 1861.

To the M. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. of O. F. of the United States:

The undersigned takes great pleasure in transmitting to your care the working books of St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 15, located at Hampton, Va., with a set of Degree and Camp books.

I will take the liberty of briefly explaining how these books came into my possession.

The regiment to which I am attached—the 3d New York—encamped at Camp Hamilton, in June last, about two miles from Fortress Monroe, and one mile from the village of Hampton. I ascertained through a boatman that there was an Odd-Fellows' Hall, as well as a Masonic Hall, at Hampton, and knowing that the village was entirely deserted on the part of the inhabitants, and exposed to the pillage and plunder of the hordes of negroes who had gathered there, and who had already committed many depredations upon the furniture and property left in the village, and at the same time feeling a deep interest in the welfare of the two Orders, I applied for and obtained from Major Gen'l B. F. Butler a special order, directing me to take a "sufficient detachment, proceed to the village of Hampton, take possession of such property as belonged to either Order as I thought proper, and report to him." In accordance with this order I secured the services of Capt. John E. Mulford of this regiment, with his company, proceeded to Hampton and visited the Hall belonging to St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 15, as I ascertained from the books. I found that nearly all the Lodge property remained in the Hall. The warrants, Secretaries books, regalia, and other property I left with B. M. Johnson, who lived near the village, and a member of the Lodge, also of Hampton Encampment, No. 27. The working books, however, I thought best to retain in my possession, until an opportunity presented itself of transferring them to proper parties for safety; such an opportunity has now presented itself, and I take great pleasure in delivering them into your custody, at the same time I sincerely hope your honorable Body will transmit the books to said Lodge and Encampment whenever the proper authorities may apply for the same.

Before closing I will state that since the time of taking the books, the village has been destroyed by fire by order of Col. Magruder, of the Confederate Army. The Hall was consumed with the other buildings.

With great respect, I remain, yours fraternally,

J. H. CHASE,

Lieut. and Reg't Quartermaster 3d N. Y. Volunteers,
And P. G. Fireman's Lodge, No. 19, Albany, N. Y.

On motion of Rep. Pinckney, of Southern New York, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the communication from P. G. Chase, of Fireman's Lodge, of Northern New York, be received and the books be retained in possession of the R. W. Grand Secretary, until called for by the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be and are hereby tendered P. G. Chase for his kindly services in the matter.

The R. W. Grand Secretary submitted his annual report, as follows, which being read, on motion of Rep. Harvey, of Indiana, was referred to a select committee, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Corresponding and Recording Secretary, in obedience to law, very respectfully submits the annual report of his office. The following resolutions define the duties devolved upon him during the recess:

1. *Resolved*, That an appropriate obituary tablet be prepared, to be placed in the Journal, upon which shall be recorded, in a fitting manner, the decease of such members and ex-members of this Grand Lodge as shall be announced at each session of this Body.

2. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to present a complete copy of the proceedings of this R. W. Body to the Odd-Fellows' Library Association of the District of Columbia, and that he be further authorized to continue such presentation in future.

3. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to communicate to the various Grand Bodies under this jurisdiction, in circular form, the amendment added to article ten of our By-Laws.

4. *Resolved*, That five hundred copies of the Revised Journal be printed, under the direction of the R. W. Grand Secretary, agreeably to the suggestions made in his report; the work to be done by the lowest responsible bidder, after inviting proposals to that end.

5. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to employ a competent person to prepare an entire new Index to the Journal to be published with the new edition of the Journal authorized at this session.

6. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary contract with Bro. James Young, of Baltimore, to print ten thousand copies of the Revised Journal of the proceedings of the present session of the Grand Lodge, in accordance with his proposals and upon the conditions recommended by the committee.

7. *Resolved*, That in future the Grand Secretary be directed to advertise for proposals for printing the Daily Journal, not to exceed five hundred copies daily, as directed by the 28th By-Law for printing the Revised Journal, and the said proposals be required to be handed in to the Grand Secretary at least ten days previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and the same be opened by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, who shall award the contract to the lowest and most responsible bidder.

8. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be requested to submit to the Committee on Printing, all bills for printing for this Grand Lodge, and the contracts under which said bills were contracted, who shall ascertain whether the bills conform to the proposals under which the contracts were made.

9. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to complete the printing of the Daily Journal at Baltimore, immediately after his return to that city, and that he be directed to forward by mail, under envelope, two copies to each Officer and Representative in this Grand Lodge.

10. *Resolved*, That the hickory arm chair, presented through the M. W. Grand Sire, be accepted, and that the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be instructed to have the following inscription placed, in permanent form, on the chair: "Presented at the Hermitage to the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., by G. Rep. H. K. Walker, of Tennessee, on behalf of Dr. John Marshall Lawrence, a member of the family of the late Andrew Jackson, who constructed the chair with hickory withes grown upon the Hermitage estate, Nashville, September 20th, 1860."

11. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and they are hereby tendered to R. W. Deputy Grand Sire Fitzhugh, for the very able, courteous, dignified, and impartial manner in which he has discharged the unusually arduous duties of Grand Sire during the present term.

12. *Resolved*, That in consideration of these services, and of the services heretofore rendered this Grand Lodge, in all the departments of duty which he has been called upon to discharge and fill, the Grand Lodge recognize a debt of obligation which they propose in part to discharge by tendering this acknowledgment, and the additional request that he consent to sit for his portrait to embellish our Grand Lodge, and that an engraved likeness be made to be inserted in the bound Journal, and that the Grand Secretary have the same carried into effect.

13. *Resolved*, That four weeks previous to the holding of any session of this Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, through one daily paper of each of the cities of Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York, to invite proposals for the printing of the Journal of this Body, the printer to furnish the necessary paper, and to stitch and cover the Journal, ready for distribution—the printing to be done according to the style of the Revised Journal, and the matter to be stereotyped and the plates to be delivered to the Grand Secretary, in good order, as the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as a sufficient number of copies are struck off to meet the purposes of the law requiring the distribution of the proceedings, which number the Grand Secretary must state, as near as practicable, in the advertisement. And such proposals for the said work as may be received shall be filed away by the Grand Secretary, with their seals unbroken, until twelve o'clock noon of the first day of the session therein designated, after which time no more proposals shall be received, and such as shall have been received shall be placed in the hands of the Committee on Printing, to be by them opened, examined, and decided upon.

14. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge be instructed to notify the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, that the Grand Lodge of the United States cannot act definitely on the application made until indubitable evidence of the identity of the work of the Order in Victoria with that used in this jurisdiction has been produced, or until this Grand Lodge shall be justified in commissioning a qualified brother to proceed to Australia and ascertain the actual condition of the Order there, and, if found favorable, that he be fully authorized to institute the Order in Australia as an independent jurisdiction, subject only to the limitations and conditions heretofore required in the establishment of the Grand Lodge of British North America.

The first resolution has been carried into effect, as will appear by reference to the last page of the revised Journal of September session, 1860.

The second resolution has not been complied with for the reason that no complete copy of the work was on hand.

In obedience to the third resolution a circular was issued at an early day after the adjournment, to the various Grand Bodies, embodying the tenth article of the by-laws as amended at the last session; beside which the by-law, as amended, was published in the revised Journal on a separate page, and the attention of the Grand Secretaries and the Grand Scribes was specially directed to the subject.

The authority conferred upon the Corresponding and Recording Secretary to cause to be printed a new edition of five hundred copies of the revised Journal, "agreeably to the suggestions made in his report," and after the manner indicated in the fourth resolution, has been, in part, exercised by that officer. In obedience to the order, requiring "this work to be done by the lowest bidder, after inviting proposals to that end," an advertisement was placed upon the cover of

the revised Journal of the last session, issued in November, 1860, to the several State Jurisdictions, inviting "proposals for printing from stereotype plates a new edition of five hundred copies of the entire Journal from 1821 to 1860, inclusive:" the same course was pursued in relation to the binding of the work; copies of which advertisements are herewith submitted. This edition of the revised Journal comprises some ten thousand copies, which penetrate into every department of the Order throughout the entire jurisdiction, and thus has a very general diffusion among the Brotherhood; beside which all subjects of peculiar interest referred to in this Journal obtain a still wider circulation by the usual notice and commentary of the periodical press of the Order. The plan pursued was therefore adopted, as much more effective for the object in view, than by advertisement in a few newspapers at the principal cities in the Union, and at the same time was comparatively free from expense.

In response to this publication the undersigned received, in conformity to its requirements, at his office and under seal, on the first day of January, 1861, but a single proposal for the printing, submitted by Bro. P. G. James Young, of Baltimore: this proposal, after conference with practical printers, was accepted, and a contract in conformity to it was entered into: the binding of the work, involving a much greater outlay of money, the Corresponding Secretary, in view of the great change in the condition of the country, which had now transpired, with the promise of consequent universal derangement in monetary affairs, deemed it prudent to defer: no contract was therefore made for binding the work, although a satisfactory proposal was made and accepted. The printing has been executed and delivered in conformity to the contract, and is now on hand folded and put up, ready for binding. The liability of the Grand Lodge for the work so far as completed, including the steel plate engravings of the Grand Sires who have passed the Chair since the publication of the last edition, and that of D. G. Sire Edward H. Fitzhugh, ordered at the last session, is as follows, as per bills herewith submitted:

James Young, printing and paper	$661 62
W. R. Lindsay, folding, &c	52 50
W. H. Dougal, steel plate portraits	205 00
	$919 12

It will be for the Grand Lodge, upon a survey of the circumstances which now surround its affairs, to determine upon the expediency of authorising the binding of this work. In this connexion the undersigned would also report, that by virtue of the power conferred upon him in the fifth resolution, he retained the services of P. D. G. Sire Edward H. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, to prepare an entire new Index to the Journal, and also a Digest of the Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Upon consultation with the distinguished Brother selected to prepare the Digest and Index, it was deemed advisable to depart from the plan adopted in the second edition; instead of com-

bining the two, the present plan separates the Index from the Digest, and makes them entirely distinct works—the former referring exclusively to the legislation of the Body in a continuous series, without distinguishing between repealed and obsolete laws and those now in force, but embracing the whole legislation of the Grand Lodge, and the latter applying itself exclusively to a digest of the law as it now exists, without including antecedent conflicting legislation. Bro. Fitzhugh has been industriously engaged in the work during the past year, but involving as it does, in order to the production of a reliable authority, vast research and much patient labor, his progress has of necessity been slow, in order that it may be sure and valuable: hence it has not yet been completed, and his report may not be expected at your present session. The Corresponding Secretary takes occasion also to remark that in his opinion it is, on the whole, well that the production of the new edition of the Journal has been thus delayed, for the reason that however eminently qualified the Brother selected for the task, and however satisfactory his work shall doubtless prove itself to be to the Brotherhood, yet it is the part of common prudence and duty in the Grand Lodge to cause the work to be examined and approved by a committee of the body before its acceptance, and it is but justice to the author and the Corresponding Secretary that each of them should be relieved of the great responsibility of giving publicity to a work destined to be of authority throughout the jurisdiction, until this work shall have been approved by the Grand Lodge itself, and bear with it such endorsement, as a passport to the confidence and obedience of the Brotherhood—and for the additional reason that the proceedings of your present session, with the new Index now under preparation, may appropriately be added to, and form a part of the present volume. Under these circumstances, it is respectfully recommended that a committee be appointed to whom the Index and Digest shall be submitted for examination, when completed, and that, if approved, the sanction of such committee shall accompany its publication.

The sixth resolution requires the Grand Secretary to contract with Bro. James Young to print ten thousand copies of the revised Journal in accordance with his proposals and upon the conditions recommended by the Committee on Printing. The contract authorized was entered into soon after the adjournment, and the work has been executed, it is believed, in strict conformity to its terms. It was delivered to the undersigned during all the month of November, and distributed in accordance with the law on that subject.

The seventh resolution has been carried into effect in so far as advertising for proposals for printing the daily Journal is concerned, but in as much as the proposals invited by the advertisement cannot be acted upon within ten days previous to the session, as provided by the resolution, and as this report must necessarily go to press before that period, the Corresponding Secretary cannot now declare to whom the contract has been awarded, or upon what terms. The contract, when concluded, with the several proposals received, will be submitted to the Committee on Printing.

In obedience to the eighth resolution, all bills for printing for this Grand Lodge and the contracts under which said bills were incurred are herewith submitted for the examination and audit of the Committee on Printing.

The ninth resolution has been strictly complied with.

The discharge of the duty imposed by the tenth resolution has engaged the especial attention of the Corresponding Secretary in view of the eminently interesting subject to which it refers. The hickory chair presented through the R. W. D. Grand Sire to the Grand Lodge of the United States by G. Rep. H. K. Walker, of Tennessee, on behalf of Dr. John Marshall Lawrence, a member of the family of the illustrious Andrew Jackson, who constructed the chair with hickory withes grown upon the Hermitage estate at Nashville, has been transported to Baltimore city, and now occupies a place in the office of the Corresponding Secretary. A silver plate has been securely attached to the back of the chair, having engraved upon it the following inscription:

"Presented at the Hermitage to the Grand Lodge of the United States, by G. Rep. H. K. Walker, of Tennessee, on behalf of Dr. John Marshall Lawrence, a member of the family of the late Andrew Jackson, who constructed the chair with hickory withes grown upon the Hermitage estate.

"NASHVILLE, *September* 20, 1860."

It will be at once the pleasure as well as the duty of the Grand Lodge to provide for the safe keeping and preservation of this interesting memorial of one who, while living, contributed largely to the well being of the nation, and whose renown is as unfading as the annals of the country, which he contributed so much to adorn.

The proposals submitted for printing the revised Journal, in answer to the publication made, as required by the twelfth resolution, are herewith submitted, under seal, for the examination of the Committee on Printing.

The engraved likeness of Past Deputy Grand Sire Edw. H. Fitzhugh, ordered by the eleventh resolution, to be inserted in the new edition of the Journal, has been executed, and together with those of P. G. Sires Race, Craighead and M. W. G. Sire Boylston, will embellish that work. The portrait of P. D. G. Sire Edw. H. Fitzhugh, ordered by the same resolution, has not yet been received. That of P. G. Sire Craighead, ordered at the last session, and of P. G. Sire Kennedy, ordered at the session of 1847, and not heretofore obtained, have been received.

The form adopted at the last session for the public dedication of Halls and laying corner stones of Odd-Fellows' Halls has been published as directed in the appendix to the Journal.

The old card plates having become entirely worn out, new plates have been engraved after devices kindly prepared for the Grand Lodge, by that eminently skilful artist and draftsman, Bro. Fred. D. Stuart, of the District of Columbia. The Grand Lodge is also indebted to

Bro. Stuart for his valuable services in executing the contract for the steel plate engraving of cards and portraits, and for his superintendence of the work. The visiting card is now made to conform to the legislation provided by resolution of September session, 1853—Journal (2151)—and of 1859—Journal (3110.) This authority has been exercised under resolution of the session of 1859, and the expense will be covered by the appropriation made for contingent fund.

The Journals of Proceedings of the several State Jurisdictions have been received as follows:

Grand Lodge of *California*—Ninth annual session, 1861.
" " *Pennsylvania*—November, 1860, to May, 1861, inclusive.
" " *Oregon*—May, 1861.
" " *Texas*—February, 1861.
" " *Michigan*—January, 1861.
" " *Iowa*—October, 1860.
" " *Indiana*—November, 1860, May, 1861.
" " *Alabama*—February, 1861.
" " *Maine*—August, 1860.
" " *Wisconsin*—January, 1861.
" " *Missouri*—May, 1861.
" " *Maryland*—April, 1861.
" " *Mississippi*—July, 1860.
" " *Minnesota*—October, 1860.
" " *Canada West*—August, 1860.
" " *Kansas*—October, 1860.
" " *Kentucky*—November, 1860.
" " *Illinois*—October, 1860—also bound copy Revised Journal 1838 to 1852.
" " *District of Columbia*—1860.
" " *Ohio*—May, 1861.

Grand Encampment of *Iowa*—October, 1860.
" " " *Kentucky*—November, 1860.
" " " *Illinois*—October, 1860.
" " " *Indiana*—November, 1860, May, 1861.
" " " *Ohio*—May, 1861.
" " " *Missouri*—May, 1861.
" " " *Pennsylvania*—May 31 to June 1, 1861, inclusive.
" " " *New Jersey*—October, 1860.
" " " *Rhode Island*—February, 1861.
" " " *District of Columbia*—January, 1860.

It will be perceived that several of the State Grand Bodies have failed to transmit their proceedings, and I have again to express my regret at this fact, for the reason assigned in my last annual report, that such failure defeats the great object contemplated in the passage of the law providing for this return, viz: the preservation in an enduring form of this material at a point where it can be of easy access for research, or authority for the use of the Grand Representatives. I take occasion to renew the request that the Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes will in the future supply this office promptly with copies of the proceedings of their respective Grand Bodies.

In presenting to the Grand Lodge the usual summary of the condition and progress of the Order, the Corresponding Secretary has to regret the paucity of material at hand out of which to construct that report. From the jurisdictions south and southwest of Maryland no

annual returns have been received, and but little correspondence has been had in that direction during the past year; the reason of which state of things is well known to the Grand Representatives, and it is therefore unnecessary to make any special reference to that subject. From such material, however, as is within my reach, I present the following general statement of the condition of the Order in the entire jurisdiction:

BRITISH POSSESSIONS.

Australia.—From the Grand Lodge of Victoria, located at the city of Melbourne, Australia, the Corresponding Secretary has received a communication bearing date the 23d January, 1861, subscribed William E. Langley, Grand Secretary, and addressed to the Grand Secretary of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, United States of America. This Grand Body, it will be remembered made application at the session of 1859 for affiliation with the Grand Lodge of the United States, upon such terms as consistently with the constitution and laws of the latter Body might be prescribed, and anticipating a favorable response to its request, transmitted at the last session the sum of £20 sterling, to defray the cost of a charter, and of such supplies as were necessary to harmonize the work and identify the language of that jurisdiction with our own. The application was referred to a special committee, whose report detailed all the circumstances connected with Odd-Fellowship in that country, and submitted for the consideration of the Grand Lodge a resolution which was adopted. The resolution is in the words following:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge be instructed to notify the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Victoria that the Grand Lodge of the United States cannot act definitely on the application made until indubitable evidence of the identity of the work of the Order in Victoria with that used in this jurisdiction has been produced, or until this Grand Lodge shall be justified in commissioning a qualified brother to proceed to Australia and ascertain the actual condition of the Order there, and, if found favorable, that he be fully authorized to institute the Order in Australia as an independent jurisdiction, subject only to the limitations and conditions heretofore required in the establishment of the Grand Lodge of British North America.

The report of the committee, with the resolution accompanying, was transmitted to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, at Melbourne, Australia, together with a copy of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the United States, setting apart the Grand Lodge of British North America, as an independent jurisdiction, at the session of 1846.—(Journal 932–3.) This dispatch was forwarded via San Francisco, in the care of Grand Secretary T. Rogers Johnson. I regret to say that it has never been received, as I am informed by Grand Secretary Langley, of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, in his communication herein referred to. On the 8th day of April, 1861, the day upon which his last favor was received by the Corresponding Secretary, an answer was forwarded as directed, via England, informing him of my former dispatch, with a copy of that dispatch, and its accompanying documents. Should my communication reach its destination in safety, a reply may be expected in October next; meanwhile it is respectfully

recommended that a resolution be passed authorising the Grand Treasurer to return the money received from the Grand Lodge of Victoria, for a charter and supplies, in the event of a failure on the part of said Grand Body to adopt the means suggested to affect an affiliation with the Grand Lodge of the United States. The condition of the Order in Australia is represented as highly prosperous, comprehending eleven Subordinate Lodges, with ample means. I herewith submit the communication received for the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

Canada West.—The annual report shows a gratifying condition of the Order. During the year an application was received for a Subordinate Encampment, to be located at St. Catherine, which being conformable to law, was granted by the M. W. Grand Sire, and the warrant issued on the 20th March, 1861, with a special deputation to Patriarch J. B. Hunter, of the jurisdiction of Northern New York to institute the same. The Encampment, by the name of Union, No. 1, was instituted accordingly by Brother Hunter in July last, whose report, showing that the Patriarchal Order was introduced into Canada West with a good prospect of success, is herewith submitted.

Lower Provinces of British North America.—The R. W. Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, Bro. James Venables, in transmitting the annual report, under date of August 24, 1861, at Halifax, N. S., represents the condition of the Order as prosperous, and that Bro. John A. Fuller, of that jurisdiction has been elected Grand Representative, and will be in his seat at the present session. I regret to say that our brethren of the Lower Provinces have been visited during the year with a serious loss, in the destruction by fire, on the 13th of January last, of the hall occupied by Mambertau Encampment, No. 9, in which the Grand Lodge and several Subordinates met, located at Halifax, N. S. Bro. E. G. Fuller, the very able and efficient Grand Representative for several years, and the present D. D. Grand Sire, advised me on the 7th March, 1861, "that there was nothing saved; the books, papers, charter, regalia and all pertaining to the work was totally destroyed." On the 11th March, 1861, duplicate warrants, with the necessary books to replace those destroyed by the fire, were forwarded, and the several Lodges and Encampments are again at work and "the Order throughout the jurisdiction was never in better condition."

Michigan.—The very able and prompt Grand Secretary of Michigan, under date of August 20, 1861, supplies the most gratifying intelligence as follows: "I shall, be assured, have my returns and funds in your hands in due time. You will have a full representation from this State, and I am happy to say that Odd-Fellowship in Michigan—thanks to the untiring energy of that faithful sentinel P. G. M. B. W. Dennis and the active energies of our present M. W. Grand Master, C. W. Hunt—is in a most flourishing state. Bro. Dennis is now on a visit to the Lodges in the Upper Peninsula, but will be back in time to be with you at the annual session."

Maine.—The very worthy and prompt Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Maine has, as usual, transmitted his report in conformity to

the law in proper season. He writes under date of the 29th July, 1861, that "they have initiated forty during the year, in Portland, and conferred one hundred degrees, which is doing well in this State." The report shows an increase of membership, of annual revenue and also in disbursements for relief.

Massachusetts.—The annual report of Massachusetts has been received in proper time. The Grand Secretary, Bro. Charles Cole, communicates the following gratifying information: "The Order in Massachusetts is in a sound and healthy condition, and in January last gave promise of a handsome increase for the year, but owing to the difficulties in the national affairs our anticipations have not been fully realized, although Lodges in some localities have done a large amount of work, and we are looking forward for the time when they will all again feel the interest which now lies dormant."

New Hampshire.—The annual report from New Hampshire indicates an increased membership and general prosperity; I have pleasure in noticing the promptness at all times of Grand Secretary Gilmore in transmitting the dues and report from this jurisdiction.

Vermont.—No report.

Rhode Island.—But little change appears in the condition of the Order in Rhode Island since the last annual report. The Lodges appear generally to be in a healthful condition.

Connecticut.—The annual report from this jurisdiction discloses about the same membership and disbursement for the past year as appeared in the report for the year 1860, although a considerably reduced number of Lodges.

Southern New York.—The annual report from this jurisdiction exhibits the fact, that notwithstanding the unhappy condition of the country, and the consequent prostration of all branches of industry, the Order in Southern New York has had a slight increase. This is the more gratifying in view of the previous depression of Odd-Fellowship in the city of New York, as compared with its former great strength and prosperity.

Northern New York.—The annual report from Northern New York is received. The condition of the Order is about in *statu quo.* Two new Encampments were organized during the year.

New Jersey.—The annual report of the Grand Lodge and Encampment of this State has been received, accompanied with the representative tax in good season. The reports compare favorably with those of last year.

Pennsylvania.—The annual report from this vast jurisdiction presents the gratifying fact, that notwithstanding the trying ordeal of the past year, the Order has sustained itself, and although the annual revenue has been less by nearly one-third than that of the preceding year, and the demand upon the treasury necessarily large, yet all her obligations have been promptly and efficiently met, in every department of the Order. Odd-Fellowship pervades every section of this Commonwealth, and presents the noble aspect of a brotherhood numbering over forty thousand, in active membership, organized into five

hundred and three Subordinate Lodges and ninety-two Encampments of Patriarchs. I am indebted to the distinguished Grand Secretary of the State, Bro. W. Curtis, for his usual promptitude in the transmission of his annual report.

Delaware.—Odd-Fellowship in Delaware continues to be in good heart and condition, although it has not wholly escaped the blighting influence arising out of the state of the country. The annual report presents a gratifying aspect, and sustains the well established character of the Grand Lodge for the efficiency of its administration.

Maryland.—I cannot better describe the condition of Odd-Fellowship in this jurisdiction, than by supplying an extract from the letter of the efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. Escavaille, which accompanies his annual report: he remarks "that the Order in Maryland has enjoyed its accustomed prosperity; we have been blessed with the utmost peace, and brotherly affection has been unusually manifested. During the year the disbursements for relief have been $61,847 21, an excess over the former year of $4,691 33; of the sum expended for relief, $2,593 42 was in *voluntary contributions.*"

District of Columbia.—Thirteen Subordinate Lodges are in active and prosperous work in the District of Columbia, embracing an aggregate of thirteen hundred contributing members. The Encampment branch is equally healthful.

Missouri.—I cannot better report the condition of Odd-Fellowship in this very interesting jurisdiction, than is supplied in the language of the newly elected Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge, Bro. Chas. C. Archer. He writes, under date of July 23, as follows: "Although the returns now forwarded, as compared with those of previous years, do not show our heretofore uninterrupted progress, owing to the unfavorable circumstances which have operated against us, probably more than in any other jurisdiction, yet it is gratifying to report that the Order in this State is enjoying a comparative degree of prosperity, and about maintained its numerical strength during the year, with an increase in that period of six new Lodges, while its financial condition is largely in advance of any former year."

The Corresponding Secretary cannot permit this opportunity to pass without expressing the hope that his official relations with the present Grand Secretary of Missouri may be as agreeable and pleasant as they have been with his eminent predecessor during the past fifteen years, who has now voluntarily retired from an office which he has administered throughout all that period of time with singular ability and fidelity. In parting official company with Bro. Veitch, the sincere regret which the Corresponding Secretary has experienced is somewhat abated by the fact that his talents and efficiency will be continued to the Order in other departments of active service.

Illinois.—The very able and efficient Grand Secretary of Illinois, Bro. Sam. Willard, in transmitting his annual report, writes, under date of August 12, as follows: "I have held back my report a few days longer than usual, hoping to make it better—but in vain. Out of forty Encampments known to be at work during the year, thirty-six have

reported for both terms; while of the remaining fourteen, five have not reported at all. Of Lodges working within the year and reporting last year, six have not reported at all, and thirty-three but for a single term. My reports are therefore necessarily incomplete. Comparing our reports with those of last year, it will be seen that the Encampments have fallen off but little in any respect except revenue. But the Lodges show a different state of things. The membership is less than 82 per cent. of that reported last year; the applications for membership have fallen off 33 per cent.; and the revenue of the Lodges has diminished 22 per cent. It is plain, then, that our jurisdiction, which has hitherto held up stoutly and seemed to suffer but little, is now feeling severely the troubles of the time. I think that when all reports come in that can be got in, matters will look a little better—but the year that is and the year to come must be years of trouble and adversity."

Indiana.—It is with great pleasure that I annex the subjoined communication from that distinguished and zealous Odd-Fellow, Bro. E. H. Barry, Grand Secretary—Indianapolis, August 17, 1861. In transmitting the annual reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Indiana, "I beg to say that notwithstanding the deplorable condition of our country, consequent upon intestine strife, our Order in this jurisdiction is so imbued with the great object of Odd-Fellowship, that we have suffered but little detriment. Our statistics for the last will compare very favorably with those of the former year, and will show that we are true to the great principle of Fraternity—a universal Fraternity in the family of man—and that with this great truth, as our sheet anchor, we will stand to our mission of Love and Mercy, with an eye single to the preservation of our principles pure from all extraneous contact and conflict."

Ohio.—This great jurisdiction, second only to Pennsylvania in strength, continues to maintain its eminent position in the Order and to prosper. The worthy and efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. W. C. Earl, writes, under date of August 27, 1861, as follows: "It affords me pleasure to be able to repeat the assurances heretofore given of the encouraging prospect of the Order in this jurisdiction. It has not grown in numbers during the year, but its moral power has been strengthened and I feel that from year to year it is gaining a firmer hold upon the affections of the people."

Kentucky.—The reports from the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Kentucky have been received in proper season; this promptitude in the performance of official duty has ever been characteristic of Grand Secretary White, of that jurisdiction, and is well worthy the imitation of Grand Secretaries generally. His report is accompanied with the following interesting communication: "I herewith submit you my annual report for the year ending June last, which you will perceive by the number of reports due is incomplete, which I very much regret, as a number of them are due from some of our strongest Lodges, and if embraced in the report would make a more favorable showing than I am now able to present. The unusual pressure, con-

sequent upon the unhappy and disturbed state of our beloved country, has had its due weight and influence upon both branches of the Order in this jurisdiction, and a slight general decrease in membership and revenue is exhibited, yet a goodly degree of interest is still manifested, and should the dark clouds of war that now overshadow us be dispersed, and the benign influence of peace again shed forth its effulgent and blessed rays, prosperity and activity will doubtless be seen and enjoyed by both branches of the Order of this jurisdiction." I beg to express my sincere acknowledgments to Grand Secretary White for valuable official courtesies in facilitating communications between this office and the M. W. Grand Sire, and in the transmission of supplies to the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

Wisconsin.—Grand Secretary E. H. Rudd, of this State, in transmitting the annual report, writes, under date of September 2, 1861, as follows: "The Order in Wisconsin is bound to sustain itself—for those now in affiliation with us are of the right stamp, and will make their mark in the good cause which our beloved Order has in hand to accomplish."

Iowa.—Grand Secretary Garrett, of this jurisdiction, advises me, in transmitting the annual reports from the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampments, under date of August 22, 1861, as follows: "I send you enclosed the reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Iowa, I have done all I could to get in the reports from the Subordinates, but cannot get them to report. You will see there is a falling off in membership and receipts. I do not believe that there is actually a falling off in the State if I had the reports from the other Lodges and Camps."

California.—In no quarter of the general jurisdiction has Odd-Fellowship attained a larger success and a higher degree of prosperity than in California. The Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of this State are among the number of the State Grand Bodies, that have been fortunate in securing the services of an eminently competent and energetic Secretary. Bro. Johnson, in transmitting his annual report, recurs to two prominently interesting facts developed in the work in California—first, that the aggregate invested capital of the Lodges in that comparatively young jurisdiction exceeds $300,000, after meeting the very large demands which have been for a series of years made upon the Treasury, arising not only out of the claims of the membership proper, but also from appeals for aid which have been successfully made by non-affiliated Odd-Fellows in distress, who have crowded to that distant land from every quarter of the Union; and secondly, that the value of the constitutional amendment adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States, with a view to facilitate the return of non-affiliated Odd-Fellows to the fold of the Order on the Pacific coast, has been singularly developed, in the reclamation and readmission into the Order, in California, of six hundred and seventy-three brethren of this class. Grand Secretary Johnson has prepared with great labor a table which is appended to the printed Journal of the Grand Lodge for 1861, showing the name of each non-affiliated member received into connec-

tion, the Lodge from which he hailed on the Atlantic side, the Lodge to which admitted, and the date. This table will be interesting to all other jurisdictions, showing as it does in detail the names of all non-affiliated members, readmitted into the Order, and from what State, city, county and Lodge, hailing. The Order in California comprehends one hundred and one Lodges in prosperous work, with an active membership of nearly six thousand.

Minnesota.—I am indebted to Grand Secretary J. Fletcher Williams, of Minnesota, for the following advice, accompanying the annual report: "In regard to our condition this year, though our returns show a decline of seven from last year's numbers, yet we have done considerable work, and feel that, considering the prostration of business, the excitement, and absence from the State of many of our best members, we have got through well. We have instituted one new Lodge since July 1, making two altogether.

Oregon.—In this distant jurisdiction Odd-Fellowship prospers—the annual report has been received.

Kansas.—The annual report from the State of Kansas is encouraging in view of the youth of the jurisdiction and the great difficulties with which the brotherhood have had to contend. There are now thirteen Lodges at work in the State, with a zealous membership of five hundred. Grand Secretary Brown writes, under date of July 20, as follows: "I send herewith the annual report of our Grand Lodge. The last year has been an unfortunate one for Odd-Fellowship in Kansas. Last autumn brought us no harvest, and thousands of our population were only saved from starvation by the generosity of the beneficent in the States. The brotherhood have been greatly relieved by the liberal donations of Subordinate Lodges in Iowa, which opened their treasuries for our relief, and whose members will be remembered with heartfelt gratitude while life remains. We hope that our noble Order will receive no permanent injury by the civil commotions now unhappily agitating the Republic." The very efficient District Deputy Grand Sire of Kansas, to whose superintendence the care of the Patriarchal branch has been entrusted, has promptly forwarded the two semi-annual reports and accruing dues of Far West Encampment, and advises me, under date of July 22, "that the little Camp in that State moves on but slowly, but the increase is from Heaven."

Nebraska.—Grand Secretary W. L. Boydston, of Nebraska, in transmitting the annual report, writes as follows: "Although the Order in this distant jurisdiction is yet feeble, it is nevertheless zealous and devoted to its noble mission, and but for the pressure of the times would rapidly advance as well in numbers as in influence. We have five good working Lodges, embracing some one hundred and fifty members, and are encouraged to hope that upon the return of peace to our afflicted country, that our career will be rapid and prosperous. May the great Grand Master of the Universe shield and protect our beloved Order from the pestilence that walketh in darkness!"

Sandwich Islands.—I have no communication from this jurisdiction since my last annual report, at which time I had the pleasure to pre-

sent a very gratifying account of the condition of Odd-Fellowship in that very interesting portion of our work. The superintendence of the Order is in the hands of D. D. G. Sire R. A S. Wood, in the Sandwich Islands, who has proved himself heretofore to be an active, efficient and faithful officer. There is one Lodge and one Encampment at Honolulu, Island of Hawaii.

New Mexico—It is with sincere regret that I have to report the resignation of D. D. G. Sire John B. Grayson, who has for several years past so efficiently administered his office in New Mexico. The Grand Lodge of the United States is indebted to this worthy brother for the preservation of the Order in this remote jurisdiction. From a variety of causes previous to his acceptance of the office of D. D. Grand Sire. Odd-Fellowship had become greatly demoralized and was in a very languishing condition. Bro. Grayson, out of the chaos in which the Order was involved, restored it to order and system, and by his exertions imparted to it new life and energy; at his instance Paradise Lodge, No. 2, was reorganized upon a warrant issued to that effect, and set in motion under very favorable circumstances. Bro. Grayson was also engaged in earnest efforts to reorganize the defunct Encampment at Santa Fe, with a reasonable hope of success, at the time of his resignation. It is gratifying to report that his resignation had no connection whatever with any abatement of feeling or interest in the Order, but was owing entirely to his removal from the Territory. The report of Paradise Lodge, with accruing dues, has been faithfully transmitted, and the property belonging to the Grand Lodge of the United States, in his possession, was placed in safe custody upon his departure from Santa Fe, a receipt for which, from P. G. C. Glever, a resident member, was taken and returned to this office.

Washington Territory.—During the year a very interesting and gratifying communication has been received from D. D. Grand Sire John K. Hall, in charge of this distant jurisdiction, accompanying the report of Olympia Lodge, No. 1, located at Olympia, Washington Territory. This Lodge, although in good work, and maintaining itself efficiently, has not had much increase. Bro. Hall attributes the stationary condition of the Lodge in Olympia to its isolated condition, and the tendency of enterprise and business in other directions. He believes, however, that applications for charters for Lodges will be received from Vancouver, a flourishing town of six hundred inhabitants, also from Port Townsend and Steilacoom, and that after Lodges shall have been instituted at these and other points, the interests of Odd-Fellowship will be promoted in the Territory, by placing them under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Oregon. The communication is herewith annexed, which evidences the deep interest taken by the D. D. Grand Sire in the trust committed to him, and his great value to the Grand Lodge of the United States as an efficient and zealous officer in this remote field of labor.

Colorado Territory.—By the act of Congress which organized this Territory, a portion of Kansas now forms a part of Colorado. The Lodge located at Denver City is now in Colorado; application has

been also made for the institution of a Lodge at Nevada City, which has not been granted by the Grand Sire for want of formality.

It will be observed that no mention has been made in the appropriate place of the condition of our Order in Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, North Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Texas, Tennessee, Arkansas and Florida. The reason for this omission is well known to the Grand Lodge, and it is not proper for the undersigned to recur to it, further than to remark, that no reports have been received from any of these jurisdictions.

Returns have been received during the year from the following Lodges and Encampments under this immediate jurisdiction:

Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico, terms ending June 30 and December 31, 1860.

Olympia Lodge, No. 1, Washington Territory, term ending June 30, 1860.

Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, Vermont, term ending June 30, 1860.

Chipola Encampment, No. 3, Florida, term ending Dec. 31, 1860.

Ancilla Encampment, No. 2, Florida, term ending Dec. 31, 1860.

Far West Encampment, No. 1, Kansas, term ending Dec. 31, 1860.

Walker Encampment, No. 5, Arkansas, term ending Dec. 31, 1858.

Do. do. do. do. do. Dec. 31, 1859.

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Minnesota Encampment, No. 1, Minne., term ending Dec. 31, 1860.

Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3, Vermont, term ending June 30, 1861.

A warrant has been issued, upon proper application, during the recess, for the institution of "Union Encampment," No. 1, located at Saint Catherine, Canada West. Patriarch J. B. Hunter, of Buffalo, N. York, was specially deputed for this service, who has promptly performed it, and herewith his report is submitted.

A warrant was also issued for the institution of "Eureka Encampment," No. 6, at Benton, Arkansas, which was transmitted on the first day of October, 1860, to D. D. Grand Sire James A. Henry, of Little Rock; no return has yet been received from that officer.

An application was also received for a Lodge at Nevada City, Colorado Territory, which was not granted for want of formality, and the petitioners were instructed in the proper mode of proceeding.

The following statement represents the amounts for each specific purpose received from each Grand Jurisdiction and Subordinate Lodge and Encampment under this Grand Body during the past fiscal year. The several amounts received have been paid into the treasury, vouchers for which accompany this report. The usual supplementary table will be submitted at an early day during the session, showing the further receipts of this office from the termination of the fiscal year up to the first day of the session, inclusive.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing September 19th, 1860, and ending September 7th, 1861.*

	Balance.	Charters.	Dues.	Diplomas.	Cards.	Books.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Jacob Robinson, of Virginia	$5 27							$5 27
Arkansas Encampment, No. 2			$30 00					30 00
Walker Encampment, No. 5, Arkansas	25 85							25 85
Olympia Lodge, No. 1, W. T			13 86					13 86
Paradise Lodge, No. 2, N. M			27 95		$4 00		15	32 10
Far West Encampment, No. 1, Kansas			12 70		2 80		30	15 80
Excelsior Encampment, No. 4, Vermont			2 00					2 00
Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3, Vermont			3 00					3 00
Eureka Encampment, No. 6, Arkansas		$30 00						30 00
Union Encampment, No. 1, Canada West		30 00						30 00
Ancilla Encampment, No. 2, Florida			5 00					5 00
M. D. Cardwell, of Tennessee						$1 75		1 75
Joseph Kidder, of New Hampshire						1 50		1 50
Joseph Broadhead, of Pennsylvania				$12 50				12 50
Alex. E. Glenn, of Ohio				25 00				25 00
Franklin Lodge, No. 13, Virginia					5 00			5 00
William Curtis, of Pennsylvania	3 00							3 00
	$34 12	$60 00	$94 51	$37 50	$11 80	$3 25	45	$241 63

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing September* 19, 1860, *and ending September* 19, 1861.

GRAND LODGES.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Diplomas.	Miscellaneous.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Maryland	.....	$60 00	$32 50	$5 00	.....	.....	$150 00	$247 50
Massachusetts	.....	50 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	215 00
S. New York	.....	140 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	320 00
Pennsylvania	.....	600 00	304 00	50 00	.....	.....	150 00	1054 00
Dis. of Columbia	.....	40 00	6 25	.....	.....	.....	150 00	196 25
Delaware	.....	20 00	7 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	27 50
New Jersey	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Kentucky	.....	100 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	280 00
Indiana	.....	260 00	111 25	.....	.....	.....	150 00	521 25
Missouri	.....	140 00	21 75	25 00	.....	.....	150 00	336 75
Illinois	.....	280 00	27 00	10 00	$50 00	.....	150 00	517 00
Alabama	.....	.....	10 75	.....	3 00	.....	.....	13 75
Connecticut	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	160 00
South Carolina	.....	4 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00
Georgia	.....	20 00	15 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	45 00
Maine	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 40
New Hampshire	.....	40 00	30 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	220 00
Michigan	$80 91	40 00	55 00	3 60	.....	.....	150 00	32 51
Wisconsin	.....	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Iowa	.....	120 00	57 50	12 50	12 50	.....	.....	202 50
Florida	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
California	.....	200 00	88 75	50 00	100 00	$3 50	150 00	592 25
Oregon	75 00	30 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	107 00
Nebraska	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Kansas	.....	30 00	40	.....	.....	97	75 00	106 37
	155 91	2194 00	873 05	156 10	165 50	4 47	2410 00	5959 03

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing September* 19, 1860, *and ending September* 19, 1861.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Miscellaneous.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Maryland					$150 00	$150 00
Pennsylvania				$15 00	150 00	165 00
S. New York				1 25	75 00	76 25
Ohio			$60 00		150 00	210 00
Kentucky					75 00	75 00
New Jersey			10 00		75 00	85 00
Massachusetts					75 00	75 00
New Hampshire					75 00	75 00
Missouri		$50 00		25 00	75 00	150 00
Dist. of Columbia			10 00		75 00	85 00
Georgia				15 00		15 00
Indiana			60 00		150 00	210 00
Michigan					75 00	75 00
Alabama	20		4 80			5 00
Illinois					150 00	150 00
Iowa				15 00		15 00
California			60 00	30 00	75 00	165 00
Connecticut					75 00	75 00
Maine					75 00	75 00
	20	50 00	204 80	101 25	1575 00	1831 25

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Supplies on hand September 17, 1860, amount received since, amount sold during the year, and amount on hand September, 16, 1861.

	Cards.	Degree of Rebekah.	Charge Books.	Degree Books.	Installation Books.	Institution Books.	Grand Lodge Books.	Encampment Books.	Grand Enc t Books.	Diplomas.	Odes.	Digested Index.	Revised Journal.	Forms for Degree of Rebekah.
On hand Sept'r 17, 1860.....	6768	962	1082	1166	314	195	68	1249	37	1249	18941	16	370	6791
Received during the year.....	13000	....	....	....	....	...	..	....	..	....	.....	...	...	....
Total.....	19768	962	1082	1166	314	195	68	1249	37	1249	18941	16	370	6791
Sold during the year.....	16433	82	320	126	129	3	3	84	1	516	3622	16	...	95
On hand Sept'r 16, 1861....	3335	880	762	1040	185	192	65	1165	36	733	15319	...	370	6696

AMOUNT OF SUPPLIES *sold from September 21, 1860, to September 16, 1861, showing cost of each article, selling price, and profits.*

Number of each article sold.	Sold for.	Cost price.	Profit.
Cards, 16,433.....	$3,286 60	$164 33	$3,122 27
Charge books, 320.....	800 00	51 20	748 80
Degree books, 126.....	315 00	25 20	289 80
Degree of Rebekah books, 82.....	102 50	10 66	91 84
Odes, 3.622.....	181 10	36 22	144 88
Grand Encampment books, 1.....	1 25	.....	1 25
Encampment books to new Camps, 12 sold, 72, 84.....	180 00	21 00	159 00
Institution books to D. D. G. Sires, 2 sold, 1, 3,.....	1 25	48	77
Installation books, 129.....	129 00	16 79	112 21
Diplomas, 516	262 00	61 92	200 08
Grand Lodge books, 3.....	6 00	60	5 40
Digested Index, G. L. U. S., 7, sold.....9, } 16	15 75	8 00	7 75
Forms for degree of Rebekah, 95.....	4 75	95	3 80
	$5,285 20	$397 35	$4,887 85

The revenue of the year up to and inclusive of the 6th day of September, 1861, amounts to	$8,131 91
Due on that day and payable during the session	5,368 39
Making an aggregate for the year of	$13,500 30
Of the amount due, however, it may be assumed that there will not be paid	2,300 00
Leaving the available balance	$11,200 30
This balance is chargeable with the special appropriations of the last session, including the sum of $12,000 for mileage and per diem of the present session, amounting to	$17,650 00
This exhibit presents an apparent deficit of	$6,449 70
But by reason of the absence of at least one-third of the jurisdictions, and the proportionate reduction of the mileage and per diem account, this apparent deficit will be reduced in the sum of about	4,000 00
Leaving an actual deficit of	$2,449 70
To this amount, however, must be added the expense incurred during the recess for printing a new edition of the Journal, new steel plate card engravings, and portrait engravings for new Journal	1,280 12
And the real deficiency will reach the sum of	$3,729 82

This statement presents an approximate view of the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, which will be somewhat varied, although not materially, by the further receipts into the treasury. In view of the general prostration of all the monetary and business interests of the country, it is in a much more gratifying condition of finance than could reasonably have been expected. The deficiency can *only* be overcome, it appears to the undersigned, by a liberal and magnanimous act of personal sacrifice on the part of the Representatives themselves, which doubtless will, under the circumstances in which the Grand Lodge is placed, be promptly made. A reduction of the rate of mileage from five to three cents, will provide for the entire deficiency, which it is believed will not oppress a single individual, however distant his home from the place of meeting. No other mode of relief appears available. The ordinary plan of shifting the deficiency of one year to the next by borrowing, in anticipation of accruing receipts, is now wholly impracticable, and the assessment of new taxes on the Order, in any form, could not at this time for a moment be considered. Upon the causes of the falling off of the revenue, it is unnecessary to dwell, but I may be permitted to say that the Grand Lodge may congratulate itself, when it surveys the general prostration and wreck which prevails, that it is in the power of the Representatives at so

small a sacrifice, to sustain its credit, by the prompt payment not only of the current debt of the year, but of freeing it entirely from a continuous deficit, which it has been carrying forward from session to session for several years. In such event, with assets and resources exceeding twenty thousand dollars, the Grand Lodge will occupy a better financial position than it has enjoyed for a long time. A supplemental report will be submitted at an early moment during the session, embracing the further receipts into the treasury, also the stock account and statement of supplies sold during the year. Upon a review of the condition of the Order, presented by the reports from the various jurisdictions, the heart is gladdened that amid the terrible scenes which now pervade the land, its glorious mission of mercy, blessed and prospered of God, has been unchecked, and its great office of benefaction to man continues to be exerted with a single eye to its high calling,—yet in the midst of our gratulation and thanksgiving to a benificent Providence for the especial favor vouchsafed to our Order, we have not escaped the withering influences inseparable in the nature of things from so all permeating a calamity as that which now afflicts our country. Fraternally yours,

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *C. and R. Secretary.*

BALTIMORE, *September* 12, 1861.

The Chair named Reps. Harvey, of Indiana, Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, and Gilmore, of Northern New York, as the committee.

Rep. Gilmore, of Northern New York, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, and the members were seated accordingly:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee appointed by this R. W. Grand Body to draw for seats to be occupied by the respective jurisdictions during the present session, have performed their duty with the following result:

Massachusetts.....1, 2, 3	Wisconsin.....60, 61, 62
Michigan.....4, 5, 6	New Jersey.....63, 64, 65
Maine.....7, 8, 9	Canada West.....66
Maryland.....10, 11, 12, 13	Oregon.....67
Pennsylvania.....14, 15, 16, 17	Kansas.....68
Delaware.....18, 19	Vermont.....69
Indiana.....20, 21, 22, 23	Nebraska.....70
Minnesota.....24	Iowa.....71, 72, 73
Connecticut.....25, 26, 27	Tennessee.....74, 75, 76
Northern New York.....28, 29, 30	Virginia.....77, 78, 79, 80
Southern New York.....31, 32, 33	Mississippi.....81, 82, 83
Missouri.....34, 35, 36	North Carolina.....84, 85, 86
British Lower Provinces.....37	Texas.....87, 88, 89
New Hampshire.....38, 39, 40	South Carolina.....90, 91, 92
Kentucky.....41, 42, 43	Florida.....93
California.....44, 45, 46	Arkansas.....94
Illinois.....47, 48, 49, 50	Alabama.....95, 96, 97
Rhode Island.....51, 52	Louisiana.....98, 99, 100
Ohio.....53, 54, 55, 56	Georgia.....101, 102, 103
District of Columbia.....57, 58, 59	

D. GILMORE,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
ISAIAH FORBES.

Rep. Pond, of Connecticut, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause to be printed five hundred copies of the daily Journal for the use of the Grand Representatives at the present session, and that ten copies of the revised Journal be printed and furnished each member, after the adjournment, for distribution.

Rep. Krogman, of Massachusetts, moved to amend, as follows:

Strike out the words "five hundred copies," and insert "that two copies of the daily Journal be printed and furnished to the Grand Representatives."

The question being on the amendment, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution, Rep. Meriam, of Iowa, moved to amend as follows:

Amend by striking out "500" and inserting "1,000."

The question being on the amendment, it was not agreed to.

The question again being on the original resolution, Rep. Archer, of Missouri, moved to amend, as follows:

"Strike out ten copies and insert five copies."

Which was resolved in the negative.

The question again being on the original resolution of Rep. Pond of Connecticut, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Carlton, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which, on motion of Rep. Page, of Wisconsin, were referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the per diem for this session of the Grand Lodge of the United States be three dollars.

Resolved, That the mileage for this session be rated at three cents per mile, and that the same be calculated from the nearest mail route, unless it may appear to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem that there is a nearer traveled route, in which case the traveled route takes precedence.

Rep. Krogman, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will hold a secret session to-morrow (Tuesday) at 12½ o'clock, for the exemplification of the secret work of the Order.

On motion of Rep. Magee, of Pennsylvania, the motion was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Davies, of Southern New York, laid on the table the following amendment to the By-Laws:

Amendment to Article ten of the By-Laws: Strike out all after the word "held" in the fourteenth line.

Rep. Winchell, of Ohio, laid on the table the following amendment to the By-Laws:

Amend Article ten of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge by striking out the word "*within*."

The Grand Secretary presented a communication from P. G. Rep. J. W. Dwinelle, of the special committee on revising the work of the Order, which, on motion of Rep. Stuart, of District of Columbia, was referred to the committee on that subject.

The hour fixed for adjournment, 2 o'clock, having arrived, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17—9 o'clock, A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this morning, pursuant to adjournment. Present:

MILTON HERNDON.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, presiding.
F. D. STUART.....Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. E. M. P. WELLS.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
W. H. H. PRALL.....R. W. Grand Marshal, *p. t.*
SOLOMON H. LEWYT.....W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN....W. Grand Messenger.

And a quorum of Grand Bodies.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, Rev. E. M. P. Wells, the Deputy Grand Sire declared the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

The following letter was received from Grand Secretary Ridgely:

MILTON HERNDON, ESQ.,
R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, presiding:

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I find myself wholly incapable of performing my office as Grand Secretary this morning. I have had a bad night, am quite prostrate and feeble. Be good enough to appoint somebody in my place, and to express to my Brethren my sincere regret for this disability, at a time when my presence and service would much facilitate their labors. With sincere regard,

Your brother in F. L. and T.,
JAS. L. RIDGELY, *Grand Secretary.*

BALTIMORE, *September* 17, 1861.

The Grand Sire appointed Rep. Lucius A. Thomas, of Connecticut, Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*

The Chair announced the following as the Standing Committees:

Committee on the State of the Order.—Reps. Harvey, of Indiana; Dennis, of Michigan; Lamberton, of Pennsylvania; Escavaille, of Maryland; Winchell, of Ohio.

Legislative Committee.—Reps. Young, of Maryland; Page, of Wisconsin; Gilmore, of Northern New York; Sanders, of Northern New York; Barnum, of Oregon.

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps. Krogman, of Massachusetts; Iglehart, of Illinois; Herr, of Illinois; Pond, of Connecticut; Archer, of Missouri.

Committee on Finance.—Reps. Dibble, of Northern New York; Stokes, of Pennsylvania; Burnham, of Maine; Shinkle, of Kentucky; Roberts, of Indiana.

Committee on Appeals.—Reps. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania; Steere, of Rhode Island; Ellis, of Maryland; Morris, of Kentucky; Hickox, of California.

Committee on Constitutions.—Reps. Froment, of Southern New

York; Marley, of Maryland; Lamb, of New Jersey; Magee, of Pennsylvania; Carleton, of Ohio.

Committee on Returns.—Reps. Thomas, of Connecticut; Underwood, of Indiana; Meacham, of California; Hoag, of Minnesota; Wheeler, of Ohio.

Committee on Printing.—Reps. McLean, of District of Columbia; Harris, of Connecticut; Porter, of Massachusetts; Hanna, of Illinois; Fuller, of Lower Provinces.

Committee on Petitions.—Reps. Forbes, of Missouri; Bugbee, of Michigan; Hall, of Delaware; Rowell, of New Hampshire; Doe, of Maine.

Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.—Reps. Davies, of Southern New York; Richardson, of Delaware; Smart, of New Hampshire; Hughes, of Iowa; Griswold, of Illinois.

Committee on Grand Bodies Not Represented.—Reps. Gilmore, of Northern New York; Sprague, of Michigan; Buckley, of New Jersey; Dolson, of Canada West; Adams, of Massachusetts.

Rep. Harvey, of Indiana, from the select committee to whom was referred the Report of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The select committee to whom was referred the report of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein contained to appropriate committees, respectfully report:

First.—That so much as relates to the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, and refunding money to the Order in Australia, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Second.—That so much thereof as relates to the reduction of the mileage of Representatives be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Third.—That so much of said report as refers to Grand Bodies unrepresented be referred to the Committee on Grand Bodies not represented.

Fourth.—That so much of said report as relates to printing the revised journals, &c., of this Grand Lodge, be referred to the Committee on Printing.

J. S. HARVEY,
JAS. B. NICHOLSON,
D. GILMORE.

Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, presented the appeal of Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, presented an appeal from the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Winchell, of Ohio, presented the following action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge, to the Grand Lodge of the United States, have examined the same, and would state that, in their opinion, there is nothing contained therein requiring special legislation, except that part which has reference to printing the ceremony for opening and closing Degree Lodges, opening and closing the Degree of Rebekah, and the Funeral Service in the German language. This, in the opinion of your committee, is an important matter, and would prove beneficial to the Order in this jurisdiction. Your committee would therefore offer for adoption the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States from this Grand Lodge, be requested to again bring the subject before that body, and procure, if possible, the necessary legislation on the subject.

Rep. Underwood, of Indiana, presented the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be instructed to have 200 copies each, of the Installation Books, Funeral Ceremonies, Opening and Closing Ceremonies of the Degrees, and of the Degree of Rebekah, published in the German language.

Rep. Hanna, of Illinois, presented the following action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS, the Digested Index of the Journal of Grand Lodge United States sets forth on page 227, (Article *Deposit*, Section 1,) that a Brother depositing his card for membership shall prove himself in the A. T. P. W., and on page 586 (Article *Password*, Section 3,) sets forth that he should undergo examination as to his possession of the A. T. P. W., but it is not essential that he should be in possession of it, therefore

Resolved, That our R. W. Grand Representatives are requested to present to that body the above conflict of laws, and request some action to harmonize the enactments referred to.

Rep. Dennis, of Michigan, presented amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, which were referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Burnham, of Maine, presented the following action of the Grand Lodge of Maine, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge be instructed to present the following question to the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its next session, and request from them instructions in regard to the subject matter of it, viz: "How can a brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues in a Lodge which has since his suspension surrendered its charter, be reinstated in the Order, or can any Subordinate Lodge receive him by initiation or otherwise?"

Rep. Pinckney, of Southern New York, presented an appeal from the action of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Winchell, of Ohio, presented amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, presented an appeal from the Grand Encampment of Maryland, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Krogman, of Massachusetts, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Stuart, from the committee on the revision of the secret work, gave notice that the committee would, in the course of the day, report progress, but would not be able at this session to make a full report.

Rep. Hanna, of Illinois, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a special session of this Grand Lodge be held at 8 o'clock this evening, for the purpose of receiving instructions in the unwritten work of the Order.

Rep. Pond, of Connecticut, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report to the Grand Lodge the unfinished business of last session.

The Chair named as the committee, Reps. Pond, of Connecticut, Hanna, of Illinois, and Escavaille, of Maryland.

Rep. Meriam, of Iowa, presented the following preamble and resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

WHEREAS, it appears from the report of the Right Worthy Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary that there is likely to be a large deficiency in the receipts of the last year, and in all probability in the receipts of the coming year, and whereas, "in view of the general prostration of all the monetary and business interests of the country, the deficiency can *only* be overcome by a liberal and magnanimous act of personal sacrifice on the part" of the Officers as well as the Representatives of this Grand Body. Therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the salaries now paid to the Officers of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Fuller, of the Lower Provinces, presented the following petition, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions:

The petition of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces respectfully represents:

That by a disastrous conflagration in this city in January last, their Lodge Room, together with their Charter, Regalia, Books, Supplies, &c., and also the Charter, Regalia, Books, Organ, Furniture, &c., of Acadia Lodge and Mambertau Encampment were entirely destroyed by fire.

The Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces respectfully petition the Grand Lodge of the United States for a remission of the amount charged them since the disaster for supplies furnished as per bill rendered by the Grand Recording Secretary.

The Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces also prays that the Grand Lodge of the United States will replace, free of charge, a new Charter, and such other stock

of supplies as the Grand Lodge of the United States in their wisdom may deem prudent under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted in F. L. and T.,

HENRY A. TAYLOR, *G. M.*
JAMES VENABLES, *G. S.*
E. G. FULLER, *P. G. R.*

On motion of Rep. Harvey, of Indiana, the Lodge agreed to take up the pending amendments to the Constitution.

Rep. Harvey then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the consideration of the amendments to the Constitution be postponed until the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Burnham, of Maine, moved to amend as follows:

Resolved, That Thursday at 10 o'clock be assigned for the consideration of the proposed amendments to the Constitution.

After some discussion, the Chair decided that the amendment was not in order.

Rep. Hanna, of Illinois, moved to lay the resolution of Rep. Harvey, of Indiana, on the table till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning, which was not agreed to.

On motion of Rep. Hughes, of Iowa, the whole subject was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Hills, of Wisconsin, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That one thousand copies of the reports of Most Worthy Grand Sire and Right Worthy Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be printed for the use of members of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. Dibble, of Northern New York, moved to amend as follows: "at the expense of the Grand Representatives."

Rep. Burnham, of Maine, moved to amend the amendment as follows: "who shall take the same."

Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, raised the point of order, that the Grand Lodge was not competent to incur expense to be assessed on the Grand Representatives.

The Chair decided the point of order was well taken.

Rep. Sanders, of Northern New York, appealed from the decision of the Chair.

The question being, "Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Lodge?" it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, moved to insert "five hundred" in place of "one thousand" in the resolution, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Hills, of Wisconsin, it was adopted.

On motion, the amendments to the By-Laws, laid on the table yesterday, were taken up for consideration.

The first, offered by Rep. Davies, of Southern New York, was considered and was again laid on the table.

The second, offered by Rep. Winchell, of Ohio, was then considered, and upon motion to adopt it, it was resolved in the negative.

The amendment offered by Rep. Davies was, on motion, again considered and adopted, as follows:

Amend Article ten of By-Laws, by striking out all after the word "held," in the fourteenth line.

Rep. Meacham, of California, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of California, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to co-operate with the Grand Representatives of the Eastern States at the next session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, in having a general revision of the translation of the work of our Order into the German language granted to us.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer submitted his Annual Report, as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

I have the honor to submit my financial report for the year commencing on the 18th September, 1860, and ending on the 17th September, inclusive, 1861.

1860.		Dr.
Sept. 17.	To cash balance as per report, page 3215, Journal of 1860..	$12,146 65
21.	To mileage returned, overpaid to Grand Representatives S. B. Krogman, J. Kidder, W. Marble and A. Youlen, $4 80 each.....	19 20
1861.		
Jan. 15.	Note of G. L. U. S. at 3 months from Jan. 9, 1861.....	168 00
	Note of G. L. U. S. at 3 months from Jan. 14, 1861.....	332 00
	Note of G. L. U. S. at 4 months from Jan. 9, 1851.....	500 00
	To this sum received from Grand Secretary Ridgely, from Sept. 18, 1860, to Sept. 17, inclusive, 1861.....	10,590 11
Sept. 17.	Grand Lodge of Maine, payment of note and interest	56 00
		$23,811 96

1860.	BY DISBURSEMENTS.	Cr.
Sept'r 19, No.	1, Discount on uncurrent funds.....	$5 00
19,	2, Check-Book.....	75
19,	3, Fuller, E. G., mileage and per diem	212 20
21,	4, Andrews, H. B., mileage and per diem.....	114 70
21,	5, Adams, G. W., mileage and per diem.....	73 20
21,	6, Anderson, H. G., mileage and per diem.....	70 50
21,	7, Archer, C. C., mileage and per diem.....	63 40
21,	8, Boydston, W. L., mileage and per diem.....	168 40
21,	9, Burnham, E. B., mileage and per diem.....	150 10
21,	10, Bragg, T. F., mileage and per diem.....	87 70
21,	11, Blake, N., mileage and per diem...	166 20
21,	12, Barron, Q. H., mileage and per diem.....	83 30
21,	13, Boylston, R. B., mileage and per diem.....	79 10
21,	14, Brown, T., mileage and per diem.....	152 40
21,	15, Chamberlain, J. E.....	104 70
21,	16, Clements, J. T., mileage and per diem.....	106 90
21,	17, Conley, B., mileage and per diem	61 60

Sept'r 21,	No. 18,	Clark, H., mileage and per diem	$128 00
21,	19,	Caldwell, R. A., mileage and per diem	78 60
21,	20,	Carlton, J. W., mileage and per diem	46 80
21,	21,	Clarke, W. H., mileage and per diem	99 30
21,	22,	Dwinelle, J. W., mileage and per diem	97 70
21,	23,	Damon, G., mileage and per diem	68 50
21,	24,	Davis, W. S., mileage and per diem	103 30
21,	25,	Dennis, B. W., mileage and per diem	80 10
21,	26,	Ellis, F. A., mileage and per diem	109 80
21,	27,	Escavaille, J. B., mileage and per diem	104 70
21,	28,	Earle, W. C., mileage and per diem	66 80
21,	29,	Froment, T., mileage and per diem	123 90
21,	30,	Fitzhugh, E. H., mileage and per diem	72 90
21,	31,	Farnsworth, E. D., per diem	15 00
21,	32,	Granniss, E., mileage and per diem	54 20
21,	33,	Hoke, W. J., mileage and per diem	75 10
21,	34,	Hunt, C. W., mileage and per diem	72 30
21,	35,	Hunt, E. P., mileage and per diem	114 70
21,	36,	Harper, M. P , mileage and per diem	81 40
21,	37,	Harvey, J. S., mileage and per diem	33 70
21,	38,	Hardy, J , mileage and per diem	71 80
21,	39,	Harris, S. H., mileage and per diem	131 50
21,	40,	Hills, L. B., mileage and per diem	83 30
21,	41,	Herndon, M., mileage and per diem	50 80
21,	42,	Hughes, T., mileage and per diem.	89 40
21,	43,	Hall. W. N., mileage and per diem	707 00
21,	44,	Iglehart, N. P., mileage and per diem	68 30
21,	45,	Iradell, A S., mileage and per diem	700 00
21,	46,	Krogman, S. B , mileage and per diem	145 50
21,	47,	Kennedy, John A., mileage and per diem	123 90
21,	48,	Kidder, I., mileage and per diem	150 50
21,	49,	Lewyt, S. H., mileage and per diem.	104 70
21,	50,	Lamberton, R. A., mileage and per diem	102 10
21,	51,	Lamb, J. L., mileage and per diem	118 00
21,	52,	Lent, A., mileage and per diem	123 90
21,	53,	Marble, W., mileage and per diem	145 50
21,	54,	Magee, P., Jr., mileage and per diem	77 40
21,	55,	Miller, C., mileage and per diem	53 80
21,	56,	Marley, R., mileage and per diem	104 70
21,	57,	McLean, W. R., mileage and per diem	106 90
21,	58,	Mitchell, E., mileage and per diem	74 70
21,	59,	Mills, J M., mileage and per diem	40 00
21,	60,	McKinstry, A., mileage and per diem	81 40
21,	61,	Mason, W. B., mileage and per diem	46 20
21,	62,	Meriam, B. S., mileage and per diem	83 40
21,	63,	Nicholson, J. B , mileage and per diem	114 50
21,	64,	Nutter, Charles, mileage and per diem	150 10
21,	65,	Noble, O. P., mileage and per diem	118 30
21,	66,	Nixon, J. O., mileage and per diem	84 70
21,	67,	Prall, W. H. H., mileage and per diem	120 70
21,	68,	Pond, P., mileage and per diem	131 50
21,	69,	Partridge, T., mileage and per diem	84 10
21,	70,	Potts, J. G., mileage and per diem	81 50
21,	71,	Phillips, J. H., mileage and per diem	118 50
21,	72,	Robinson, J. H., mileage and per diem	74 80
21,	73,	Robinson, E. C , mileage and per diem	94 80
21,	74,	Robinson, Israel, mileage and per diem	94 70
21,	75,	Rodney, J. D., mileage and per diem	117 20
21,	76,	Rodgers, E., mileage and per diem	107 50
21,	77,	Ridgely, J. L	104 70

Sept'r 21,	No. 78,	Richardson, J., Jr., mileage and per diem.....	$112 20
21,	79,	Roberts, G. B., mileage and per diem.....	63 10
21,	80,	Richardson, S., mileage and per diem.....	55 00
22,	81,	Repiton, A. P., mileage and per diem	88 80
21,	82,	Stetson. H. G., mileage and per diem.....	87 70
21,	83,	Smith, W. H., mileage and per diem.....	72 30
21,	84,	Scott, H. K., mileage and per diem.....	129 90
21,	85,	Smart, J. B., mileage and per diem.....	151 40
21,	86,	Steere, T.. mileage and per diem.....	143 60
21,	87,	Starr, J. E., mileage and per diem.....	68 40
21,	88,	Stuart, F. D , mileage and per diem.....	106 90
21,	89,	Shinkle, A., mileage and per diem...	48 00
21,	90,	Smith, S., mileage and per diem.....	141 90
21,	91,	Schiefer, J. F., mileage and per diem.....	78 40
21,	92.	Strong, W. A., mileage and per diem.....	75 00
21,	93,	Thayer, W., mileage and per diem.....	74 70
21,	94,	True, B. C., mileage and per diem.....	46 80
21,	95,	Tucker, I. M., mileage and per diem.....	122 60
21,	96,	Taylor, W. P., mileage and per diem.....	114 50
21,	97,	Veitch, I. M., mileage and per diem.....	63 40
21,	98,	Vansant, J., mileage and per diem.....	104 70
21,	99,	White, D. P., mileage and per diem	111 20
21,	100,	Walker, H. K., per diem.....	15 00
21,	101,	Winchell, G. D., mileage and per diem.....	46 80
21,	102,	Woodward, B. B., mileage and per diem.....	83 60
21,	103,	Welty, D. W., mileage and per diem.....	711 70
21,	104,	Young, W. H., mileage and per diem.....	104 70
21,	105,	A. S. Camp & Co., printing daily Journal	98 10
21,	106,	Griffith & Co., printing Reports.....	18 65
21,	107,	J. E. Chamberlain, express freight, &c.....	75 67
21,	108,	Youlen, A., mileage and per diem.....	145 70
Oct'r 3,	109,	Adams Express Co., freight from Nashville.....	14 75
3,	110,	Collecting draft on Cincinnati.....	30
6,	111,	Bull & Tuttle, advertising for proposals.....	16 25
6,	112,	James Young, for special services.....	50 00
6,	113,	James Young, for printing	49 80
6,	114,	James Young, for printing	85 23
Nov'r 5,	115,	Philadelphia Daily News, advertising proposals...	18 00
10,	116,	Insurance on Grand Lodge furniture.....	13 50
13,	117,	Adams Express Company, freight from Nashville.	16 00
13,	118,	Collecting draft on Virginia.....	50
Dec'r 1,	119,	Grand Secretary Ridgely, three months' services..	300 00
1,	120.	G. Messenger Chamberlain, three months' services.	175 00
1,	120,	G. Messenger Chamberlain, postage, freight, &c..	45 35
15,	121,	Discount on $10 note of Georgia Bank.....	60
1861.			
Jan'ry 15,	122,	James Young, printing revised Journal.....	1,038 10
26,	123,	Discount on uncurrent funds.....	75
Feb'y 25,	124,	Grand Secretary Ridgely, three months' services..	300 00
25,	125,	Grand Messenger Chamberlain and sundries.....	188 76
April 2,	126,	Note of Grand Lodge of United States for $332..	331 17
12,	127,	Note of Grand Lodge of United States for.....	168 00
May 10,	128,	Note of Grand Lodge of United States for.....	500 00
14,	129,	Collecting draft on Missouri.....	25 31
August 3,	130,	Collecting draft.....	1 00
3,	131,	Grand Secretary Ridgely, three months' services..	300 00
3,	132,	G. Messenger Chamberlain, three months' services	175 00
3,	132,	G. Messenger Chamberlain, incidental expenses...	27 50
5,	133,	Collecting drafts.....	1 86
5,	134,	C. Sachse, varnishing furniture	115 50

Aug.	20,	No. 137, J. Van Tromp, engraving plate.....	$10 00
	21,	137, Collecting drafts	1 30
	24,	138, Collecting drafts	2 00
	24,	139, J. W. Bond & Co., stationery	96 00
	24,	140, G. Messenger Chamberlain, three months' service.	175 00
	24,	140, G. Messenger Chamberlain, incidental expenses..	3 80
	24,	141, Grand Secretary Ridgely, three months' services..	300 00
	27,	142, E. Sandys, printing plate engravings	123 50
	28,	143, J. M. Anderson & Son, printing plate engravings.	100 70
	31,	144, Collecting drafts	25
Sept.	2,	145, Grand Lodge of Maryland, rent and fuel.....	275 00
	3,	146, J. Young, printing certificates.....	17 75
	16,	147, G. Treasurer Vansant, twelve months' services...	200 00
			17,132 60
		Cash balance....	6,679 36
			$23,811 96

From the foregoing it will be perceived that the net revenue for the year was $10,590 11. The average net revenue of the Grand Lodge for the four consecutive years, ending September 17th, 1860, was $17,604 20, showing a falling off for the financial year just closed of $7,014 09, as compared with the above average.

From the report of the Financial and Recording Secretary it will be perceived that it will require for the new addition to the Journal of the Grand Lodge, and for steel plate card and portrait engravings, the expenses for which have in the main been already incurred, the sum of $1,280 12. In addition to this the cost of printing the daily and revised Journal of the present session will be about $1,200, thus making in all $2,480 12. Deducting the last named amount from the cash balance in the treasury, and there will remain a balance of $4,199 24.

The amount paid for mileage and per diem at the session of 1859, when the Grand Lodge held its session at Baltimore, was $10,452 00, of which sum there was paid to the Representatives of the eleven Southern States not now represented, $3,124 60, and $7,327 40 to the Representatives of the balance of the States.

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer.*

Baltimore, September 17, 1861.

Rep. Davies, of Southern New York, submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the motion adopted this morning, fixing 8 o'clock this evening as the hour at which the secret session for instruction in the work of the Order shall be held, be reconsidered.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge now go into secret session for the exemplification of the unwritten work.

After some hours spent in secret session, the Grand Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

Rep. Nicholson, on behalf part of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, presented to the Grand Lodge and the Bodies therein represented copies of the Pennsylvania Digest of the Laws of the Order in that jurisdiction.

On motion of Rep. Young, of Maryland, the thanks of the Grand Lodge was voted to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the copies of the Digest presented.

The R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary presented his supplemental report, as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, asks leave very respectfully to submit the following supplemental report:

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts by the Grand Secretary after the close of his Annual Report, up to and inclusive of September* 17, 1861.

GRAND LODGES.	Odes.	Miscellan's.	Cards.	Books.	Diplomas.	Repres. tax.	Total.
Ohio	$20 00	.....	$460 00	$299 20	.....	$150 00	$929 20
Lower Provinces	.....	.....	20 00	18 25	.....	75 00	113 25
Canada West	.....	.....	10 00	11 00	.....	75 00	96 00
Northern New York	.....	.....	50 00	.....	$9 00	150 00	209 00
Oregon	.....	.....	.....	56 75	.....	75 00	131 75
Minnesota	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Wisconsin	.....	.....	35 00	36 50	.....	150 00	221 50
Iowa	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Delaware	.....	$25 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	175 00
Rhode Island	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
	20 00	25 00	575 00	421 70	9 00	1,125 00	2,175 70

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts by the Grand Secretary, after the close of his Annual Report, up to and inclusive of September* 17, 1861.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Miscellaneous.	Books.	Represent'e tax.	Total.
Iowa	.....	.....	$75 00	$75 00
Rhode Island	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Northern New York	$0 75	$6 25	75 00	82 00
Michigan	.....	30 00	.....	30 00
Wisconsin	.....	.....	20 50	20 50
	0 75	36 25	245 50	282 50

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

BALANCE	Statement	$240 03	
			$240 03
CHARTERS	Statement	60 00	
			60 00
CARDS	Statement	2,410 60	
	Supplementary	575 00	
			2,985 60
BOOKS	Statement	977 55	
	Supplementary	457 95	
			1,435 50
REPRESENTATIVE TAX	Statement	3,985 00	
	Supplementary	1,370 50	
			5,355 50
DIPLOMAS	Statement	203 00	
	Supplementary	9 00	
			212 00
ODES	Statement	156 10	
	Supplementary	20 00	
			176 10
DUES	Statement	94 51	
			94 51
MISCELLANEOUS	Statement	5 12	
	Supplementary	25 75	
			30 87
TOTAL			10,590 11

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *G. Cor. and Rec. Sec'ry.*

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1861

LODGES.	No. of Lodges.	No. of initiations.	No. of rejections.	No. admitted by card.	No. withdrawn by card.	No. of reinstatements.	No. of suspensions.
G. L. Maryland.....	91	581	59	40	81	118	740
G. L. Massachusetts....	60	184	5	16	36	13	191
G. L. S. New York.....	114	573	29	23	111	47	571
G. L. Pennsylvania.....	503	3005	32	289	504	349	3088
G. L. Dis. of Columbia..	13	75	5	19	18	10	115
G. L. Delaware.....	27	85	7	9	8	32	.....
G. L. Ohio.....	350	1678	.....	395	721	50	.....
G. L. Louisiana*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. New Jersey.....	86	329	22	24	28	57	381
G. L. Kentucky.....	111	258	25	74	111	18	197
G. L. Virginia*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Indiana.....	207	640	54	239	320	82	503
G. L. Mississippi*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Missouri.....	136	766	118	259	352	66	707
G. L. Illinois.....	267	811	55	282	422	195	2353
G. L. Connecticut.....	23	52	.....	23	8	2	101
G. L. Texas*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Tennessee*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. South Carolina*...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Alabama*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. North Carolina*..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Georgia.....*....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Maine.....	23	74	1	6	4	2	28
G. L. New Hampshire..	22	147	2	6	13	4	97
G. L. Michigan.....	63	270	45	48	38	53	216
G. L. Wisconsin.....	61	223	21	48	69	34	218
G. L. Vermont*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Iowa.....	109	292	28	98	126	37	347
G. L. Arkansas*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Rhode Island.....	13	32	.....	4	3	2	29
G. L. N. New York....	496	540	41	78	121	165	987
G. L. Florida*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Minnesota.....	9	39	4	19	27	9	47
G. L. California.....	101	886	129	504	428	62	431
G. L. Lower Provinces..	4	44	4	1	2	2	2
G. L. Canada West.....	14	105	10	2	10	13	79
G. L. Oregon.....	9	44	9	39	27	1	5
G. L. Nebraska.....	5	6	10	4	3	10	43
G. L. Kansas.....	13	36	6	41	32	.....	47
Sandwich Islands.....	1	4	1	.....	2	1	3
New Mexico.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Washington Territory..	1	1	1	3	5	.....	3
	2935	11,782	729	2594	3620	1434	11,427

*No report.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1861, *continued.*

LODGES.	No. of expulsions.	No. of deaths.	No. of members.	No. of brothers relieved.	No. of widowed families relieved.	Amount paid for the relief of brothers.
G. L. Maryland	21	107	11,929	1856	153	$29,077 48
G. L. Massachusetts	4	39	4521	344	165	8,014 05
G. L. S. New York	9	84	7463	1325	355	23,061 46
G. L. Pennsylvania	128	395	41,099	5389	564	89,417 98
G. L. Dis. of Columbia	2	16	1329	178	26	1,960 00
G. L. Delaware	.....	13	1862	89	14	1,426 88
G. L. Ohio	1212	172	21,103	2095	299	27,310 30
G. L. Louisiana	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. New Jersey	5	42	4866	561	69	10,516 70
G. L. Kentucky	22	37	4432	371	112	6,164 54
G. L. Virginia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Indiana	35	83	8786	1079	66	13,703 41
G. L. Mississippi	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Missouri	43	41	4880	433	127	8,758 18
G. L. Illinois	56	81	8031	513	79	5,642 15
G. L. Connecticut	.....	16	1494	124	8	4,092 15
G. L. Texas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Tennessee	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Alabama	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. North Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Georgia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Maine	17	10	1210	89	15	2,372 00
G. L. New Hampshire	50	13	1658	137	7	3,106 29
G. L. Michigan	1	16	1663	79	32	884 03
G. L. Wisconsin	61	9	1832	20	7	303 50
G. L. Vermont	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Iowa	20	14	3274	141	17	1,478 19
G. L. Arkansas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Rhode Island	.....	10	671	57	22	1,452 13
G. L. N. New York	8	45	6271	400	121	9,565 49
G. L. Florida	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Minnesota	1	1	334	9	2	165 50
G. L. California	30	51	5636	529	26	18,795 48
G. L. Lower Provinces	5	2	200	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Canada West	43	4	544	.....	.....	477 68
G. L. Oregon	2	1	315	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Nebraska	10	2	133	2	2	30 00
G. L. Kansas	.....	3	403	27	2	122 00
Sandwich Islands	2	1	56	.....	.....	.....
New Mexico	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	.....
Washington Territory	.....	1	20	.....	.....	.....
	1787	1309	149,239	14,847	2290	$257,902 48

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1861, *continued.*

LODGES.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.	Amount paid for the education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount of the annual receipts.
G. L. Maryland	$18,150 83	$3,806 32	$8,219 10	$93,419 18
G. L. Massachusetts	2,295 81	10 00	1,089 50	23,906 18
G. L. S. New York	5,426 40	425 62	4,211 62	59.647 94
G. L. Pennsylvania	8,442 55	498 68	20,386 45	167.550 28
G. L. Dis. of Columbia	579 00	861 00	462 00	7,806 00
G. L. Delaware	225 70	.....	472 50	7,896 50
G. L. Ohio	8,373 43	265 59	4,778 59	106,515 56
G. L. Louisiana	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. New Jersey	1,166 92	369 97	1,517 31	24,712 76
G. L. Kentucky	1,326 35	282 88	1,479 97	24,883 23
G. L. Virginia	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Indiana	2,660 83	1,104 80	3,247 96	67,708 15
G. L. Mississippi	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Missouri	3,546 46	1,640 03	2,456 54	46,380 52
G. L. Illinois	1,273 73	149 85	1,307 20	44,056 53
G. L. Connecticut	154 55	3 00	395 00	10,474 18
G. L. Texas	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Tennessee	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. South Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Alabama	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L North Carolina	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Georgia	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Maine	167 00	.....	220 00	5,000 00
G. L. New Hampshire	103 51	.....	480 00	2,113 30
G. L. Michigan	442 92	63 45	347 09	1,697 57
G. L. Wisconsin	74 30	.....	89 00	6,462 86
G. L. Vermont	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Iowa	374 45	29 80	323 75	14,843 59
G. L. Arkansas	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Rhode Island	247 79	3 59	240 00	3,163 01
G. L. N. New York	3,741 88	150 00	1,350 00	30,479 50
G. L. Florida	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Minnesota	7 15	.....	.....	1,562 31
G. L. California	1,418 70	43 15	3,280 97	133,020 06
G. L. Lower Provinces	.....	.....	.....	90 00
G. L. Canada West	585 00	.....	180 00	3,528 28
G. L. Oregon	.....	.....	.....	5,128 00
G. L. Nebraska	30 00	.....	30 00	400 00
G. L. Kansas	.....	.....	33 00	2,542 73
Sandwich Islands	.....	.....	.....	407 50
New Mexico	.....	.....	.....	279 50
Washington Territory	.....	.....	.....	295 25
	$60,815 29	$94,707 23	$56,660 61	$900,981 47

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1861.

ENCAMPMENTS.	No. of Subordinates.	No. of initiations.	No. of rejections.	No. admitted by card.	No. withdrawn by card.	No. of reinstatements.	No. of suspensions.	No. of expulsions.	No. of deaths.	No. of members.	No. of members relieved.
G. E. Maryland.....	10	30	2	4	5	9	46	3	25	1476	217
G. E. Pennsylvania.....	92	406	4	29	95	25	346	7	66	5279	745
G. E. S. New York.....	12	19	..	4	3	2	39	....	3	447	52
G. E. Ohio.....	86	251	12	53	105	12	8	162	37	4283	408
G. E. Kentucky.....	23	33	1	8	5	...	22	1	11	806	43
G. E. Virginia*.....	...	....	..	....	....	...	....	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. Connecticut.....	5	11	..	....	....	...	12	....	2	191	9
G. E. New Jersey.....	14	33	1	4	6	14	50	....	5	358	45
G. E. South Carolina*..	...	....	..	....	....	...	....	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. Massachusetts....	14	33	..	2	7	1	60	....	3	734	34
G. E. Maine.....	5	4	..	....	....	...	2	....	....	163	9
G. E. New Hampshire...	6	15	..	2	3	...	4	....	3	262	12
G. E. Missouri.....	28	160	7	15	19	6	55	5	5	727	5
G. E. Dis. of Columbia..	4	19	..	....	1	2	1	1	5	322	32
G. E. Georgia*.....	...	....	..	....	....	...	....	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. North Carolina*...	...	....	..	....	....	...	....	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. Indiana.....	60	123	1	19	41	5	68	5	12	1879	154
G. E. Michigan.....	7	11	..	3	2	1	7	....	1	110	.....
G. E. Tennessee*.....	...	....	..	....	....	...	....	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. Mississippi*.....	...	....	..	....	....	...	....	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. Louisiana*.....	...		..	....	....	...	....	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. Alabama*.....	...		..	....	....	...	....	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. Wisconsin.....	11	2	..	1	7	4	25	1	1	152	.....
G. E. Rhode Island.....	6	19	1	4	1	5	17	....	4	194	3
G. E. N. New York....	75	121	10	13	18	40	51	5	7	898	31
G. E. Illinois.....	40	115	1	15	10	10	5	5	6	1009	15
G. E. Iowa.....	17	20	2	2	6	...	22	....	1	312	7
G. E. Texas*.....	...	....	..	....	....	...	....	....	....	.....	.....
G. E. California.....	21	177	3	61	52	10	39	2	7	791	33
Delaware.....	4	13	2	7	....	3	20	....	2	146	8
Sandwich Islands*.....	1	....	..	....	....	...	....	....	....	.....	.....
Arkansas†.....	4	2	..	....	....	...	....	....	....	28	.....
Vermont.....	2	7	..	....	....	...	....	....	....	33	.....
Florida.....	2	4	..	....	....	...	2	....	....	.....	.....
Minnesota.....	1	....	..	....	1	1	....	....	....	28	.....
Low. Provinces B. N. A.*	1	....	..	....	....	...	....	....	....	.....	.....
Oregon*.....	1	....	..	....	....	...	....	....	....	.....	.....
Kansas.....	1	5	..	2	....	...	....	....	....	44	.....
	553	1633	47	248	387	150	901	197	206	20,572	1932

* No reports. † Only one reported

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June 30, 1861, continued.*

ENCAMPMENTS.	No. of widowed families relieved.	Amount paid for the relief of members.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.	Amount paid for the education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount of the annual receipts.
G. E. Maryland.....	18	$3,976 00	$2,330 00	.....	$1,067 25	$8,396 85
G. E. Pennsylvania.....	29	11,054 24	573 25	.....	2,704 47	24,739 79
G. E. S. New York.....	1	885 00	10 00	$100	100 00	1,869 58
G. E. Ohio.....	11	6,757 00	128 00	.....	507 00	18,102 32
G. E. Kentucky.....	2	624 00	15 00	.....	47 75	1,914 45
G. E. Virginia.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Connecticut.....	....	202 00	.....	.....	45 00	632 00
G. E. New Jersey.....	2	419 10	8 50	.....	60 00	1,121 13
G. E. South Carolina.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Massachusetts....	2	661 00	20 00	.....	50 00	2,803 97
G. E. Maine.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	444 00
G. E. New Hampshire..	2	159 00	30 00	.....	10 00	446 00
G. E. Missouri.....	....	376 00	.....	.....	30 00	2,919 10
G. E. Dis. of Columbia..	....	270 00	.....	.....	74 50	1,025 71
G. E. Georgia	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. North Carolina.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Indiana.....	2	4,403 55	30 00	.....	233 00	4,203 24
G. E. Michigan.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	204 98
G. E. Tennessee.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Mississippi.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Louisiana.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Alabama.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Wisconsin.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	230 27
G. E. Rhode Island.....	....	58 50	.....	.....	35 00	818 99
G. E. N. New York....	5	417 00	10 00	$60	75 00	2,356 87
G. E. Illinois.....	2	149 90	14 50	.....	30 00	1,970 79
G. E. Iowa.....	....	69 00	.....	.....	.....	625 40
G. E. Texas.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. E. California.....	....	967 50	.....	.....	132 50	13,430 56
Delaware.....	1	.....	8 33	.....	.....	552 24
Sandwich Islands*.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arkansas†.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	257 00
Vermont.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42 00
Florida.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	74 84
Minnesota.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lower Provinces B.N.A.*	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 00
Oregon.*	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kansas.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	127 00
	77	31,448 79	3,177 58	160	$5,601 47	83,140 68

* No report. † Only one reported.

The hour of 2 having arrived the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1861—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled according to adjournment. Present:

MILTON HERNDON.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, presiding.
F. D. STUART.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*
LUCIUS A. THOMAS.....R. W. Grand Secretary, *p. t.*
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. E. M. P. WELLS.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
W. H. H. PRALL.....R. W. Grand Marshal, *p. t.*
SOLOMON H. LEWYT.....W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN....W. Grand Messenger.

And a Representation from a quorum of jurisdictions.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the Lodge was declared open for business.

Rep. Harvey, of Indiana, from the Committee on the State of the Order, submitted the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following inquiry from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Maine, viz: "How can a brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues in a Lodge which has, since his suspension, surrendered its charter, be reinstated in the Order; or can any Subordinate Lodge receive him by initiation or otherwise?" Report, that a brother in such case may be admitted to membership in a Lodge or Encampment, as the case may be, upon such terms, and upon such evidence as the proper State, Territorial or District Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, may by law prescribe.

Your committee know of no law of this Grand Lodge which is applicable to such case; and they are of the opinion that it should be left in control of the local Grand Bodies.

J. S. HARVEY,
B. W. DENNIS,
R. A. LAMBERTON,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
GEO. D. WINCHELL.

On motion, the rule of order (No. 36) requiring that no report should be acted upon on the day of its presentation, was suspended, and the report of the Committee on the State of the Order was considered and adopted.

Rep. McLean, of the District of Columbia, from the Committee on Printing, submitted the following report, with the accompanying resolution, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing having had under consideration the pro-

posals to print the Revised Journal of the present session, would respectfully report:

That two propositions to print the Revised Journal were before them, and after a careful investigation, the committee awarded the contract for printing the same to Bro. James Young, his bid being considered the most favorable. They therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorised to contract with Bro. James Young, of Baltimore, for the printing of eight thousand copies of the Revised Journal of the proceedings of the present session, in accordance with his proposals, herewith submitted and marked "accepted."

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. McLEAN,
SAMUEL H. HARRIS,
THOMAS C. PORTER,
B. J. F. HANNA,
J. A. FULLER.

Rep. Forbes, of Missouri, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the following report, which, the rule being suspended, was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces of British North America, beg leave to report, that said petition states that the Charter, Charge Books, and other properties belonging to said Grand Lodge, were consumed by fire, and in consequence of their financial embarrassments beg that their Charter and Charge Books may be restored to them free of cost. Your committee are favorably disposed, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to present to the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces of British North America a new Charter and Charge Books.

ISAIAH FORBES,
IRA C. DOE,
ISRAEL G. BUGBEE,
ALEX. N. HALL,
JOHN H. ROWELL.

Rep. Underwood, of Indiana, from the Committee on Returns, submitted the following report, which, the rule being suspended, was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the returns of the various Grand and Subordinate Bodies under the jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Lodge, having performed the duty assigned them,

ask leave to report that they find the following Grand and Subordinate Lodges correct, viz:

Connecticut, New Jersey, Canada West, Kansas, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Delaware, Southern New York, Missouri, Nebraska, Lower Provinces, New Hampshire, Wisconsin, Iowa, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, California, Illinois, Minnesota.

Paradise Lodge, No. 2, New Mexico, semi-annual reports for terms ending June 30, 1860, and Dec. 31, 1860.

The semi-annual reports for the terms ending Dec. 28, 1858, of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu.

The following are incorrect:

Northern New York.—No cause given for expulsions and suspensions.

Indiana.—Does not report the causes of *all* the suspensions and expulsions.

Maine and Ohio.—No cause for expulsions.

Michigan.—Does not report time and place of meeting.

District of Columbia.—Does not report time and place of meeting, nor cause for expulsions.

The semi-annual report for the term ending June 30, 1860, of Olympia Lodge, No. 1, Washington Territory, does not state time nor place of meeting.

The following reports of Grand and Subordinate Encampments are correct, viz: California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Southern New York, Maryland, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, New Jersey, Ohio, Iowa, New Hampshire, Maine, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Missouri, Illinois.

Far West, No. 1, of Kansas, for term ending Dec. 31, 1860.

Walker, No 5, Arkansas, for terms ending Dec. 31st, 1858, June 30th, 1859, Dec. 31st, 1859, and June 30th, 1860.

Green Mountain, No. 3, Vermont, for terms ending June 30th, 1860, Dec. 31st, 1860, and June 30th, 1861.

Excelsior, No. 4, Vermont, for terms ending June 30th, 1859, Dec. 31st, 1859, and June 30th, 1860.

Minnesota, No. 1, Minnesota, for term ending Dec. 31st, 1860.

Chipola, No. 3, Florida, for term ending Dec. 31st, 1860.

The following Grand Encampments are incorrect, viz:

Michigan has no heading nor date to report, and does not state time and place of meeting.

Northern New York does not report the causes of expulsions and suspensions.

Kentucky does not report causes of suspensions.

Indiana does not report the causes of *all* suspensions.

Ancilla, No. 2, Florida, for the term ending Dec. 31st, 1890, does not report the causes of suspensions.

No reports have been received from the following Grand Bodies, viz: Grand Lodges of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee

Grand Encampments of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi.

Your committee are of the opinion that many of the errors reported in the returns might be prevented in future by furnishing the various Grand Bodies with blank forms of larger size than those now used by this Grand Body, and would respectfully recommend the form adopted by the R. W. Grand Secretary of Missouri as the most complete.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIUS A. THOMAS,
THOS. UNDERWOOD,
CHAS. HOAG,
A. G. MEACHAM,
JOHN H. WHEELER.

Rep. Pond, of Connecticut, from the Special Committee on Unfinished Business, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Unfinished Business would report that they have examined the Journal of last session, and find the following resolutions were submitted, and referred to a committee of three, of which Rep. Stuart, of the District of Columbia, is chairman.

Resolved, That a committee of —— be appointed to report at the next session of this body, a revision of the secret work of the Order, having in view the various suggestions to that effect submitted to this Grand Lodge at this and previous sessions.

Resolved, That the committee to whom was referred the subject of revising the work of the five Degrees be directed to inquire and report upon the propriety or expediency of incorporating into the instructions required to be given in conferring Degrees the several emblems of our Order, and give such emblems a fixed language.

They also find that nine amendments to the Constitution were offered.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP POND,
B. J. F. HANNA,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE.

Rep. Barnum, of Oregon, from the Legislative Committee, submitted the following report, which was, the rule being suspended, considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following preamble and resolution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, viz:

WHEREAS the Digested Index of the Journal of the Grand Lodge of the United States sets forth, on page 227, (Article *Deposite*, Section 1,) that a brother depositing his card for membership shall prove himself in the A. T. P. W.; and on page 586, (Article *Password*, Section 3,) sets forth that he should undergo examina-

tions as to his possession of the A. T. P. W., but that it is not essential that he should be in possession of it; therefore

Resolved, That our R. W. Grand Representatives are requested to present to that Body the above conflict of laws, and request some action to harmonize the enactments referred to,

Respectfully report, that upon an examination of the pages of the Digest of the laws referred to, they find that the clause on page 227, section 1, Article *Deposite*, as also the XIV Article of the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge relates only to the temporary deposite of a Visiting Card from the Lodge of which the brother is a member, (and not to a withdrawal card for membership,) in which case the brother must always prove himself in the T. P. W.

The clause on page 586 of the Digest, (section 3, Article *Password*,) (see also Journal of the Grand Lodge United States, page 2147,) relates especially to the examination of an applicant for membership by card, in which case it is not essential that he should be in possession of the T. P. W.

Your committees are therefore of the opinion that the case presents no conflict of laws, and requires no further action by the Grand Lodge.

E. M. BARNUM,
WILLIAM H. YOUNG,
D. GILMORE,
J. R. SANDERS.

Rep. Steere, of Rhode Island, asked and obtained leave of absence for his colleague, Rep. Atkinson, who was called home on public business.

Rep. Harvey, of Indiana, offered the following resolution, which was laid on the table:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge will adjourn to-morrow, (Thursday,) at 12 o'clock, M.

Rep. Pond, of Connecticut, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary *p. t.* be directed to carry the resolution into effect passed on the first day of the session, providing 500 copies of the daily Journal for the use of the Grand Representatives at the present session.

Rep Pinckney, of Southern New York, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the proposed amendments to the Constitution be now taken up for consideration.

Rep. Harvey moved to take up the resolution laid on the table yesterday, postponing the consideration of the amendments to the Constitution to the next session.

Rep. Sanders, of Northern New York, objected that the motion to postpone was not in order.

The Grand Sire decided that it was in order.

And the question being on the motion of Rep. Harvey, of Indiana, to postpone to the next session the consideration of previous amendments to the Constitution, it was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Reps Archer, Doe, Ellis, Escavaille, Forbes, Froment, Fuller, Harvey, Hickox, Hills, Krogman, Lamberton, Magee, Marley, McCarty, McLean, Page, Pond, Richardson, Shinkle, Sims, (2 votes,) Smart, (2 votes,) Steere, Stokes, Stuart, Thomas, Underwood, Young—30.

NAYS—Reps. Adams, Barnum, Buckley, Bugbee, Carlton, (2 votes,) Davies, Dennis, Dibble, Dolson, Gilmore, Griswold, Hall, Hanna, Harris, Herr, Hoag, Hughes, Iglehart, Jones, Lamb, Meacham, Meriam, Morris, Nicholson, Pinckney, Porter, Roberts, Sanders, Sprague, Wheeler, Winchell, Wilson—33.

The question being raised whether a quorum was present, a call was ordered, when there appeared thirty-nine jurisdictions, which is a quorum.

Rep. Young, of Maryland, moved that the Grand Lodge resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole to consider the pending amendments to the Constitution, which was passed in the affirmative.

The Grand Lodge then went into Committee of the Whole, Rep Young, of Maryland, in the Chair.

After some deliberations the Committee rose, and the Grand Sire resumed the Chair.

The hour of 12 having arrived, the Grand Lodge took a recess for half an hour.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess.

Rep. Young, of Maryland, from the Committee of the Whole, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of the Whole, to whom were referred the amendments to the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge, proposed at the annual communication of 1860, ask leave to report, that the Committee have considered the several amendments in the order in which they appear on the Journal of the communication of 1860, and recommend to the Grand Lodge that the consideration of the proposed amendment to the 14th article, of section 2d, be indefinitely postponed.

That the consideration of the proposed amendment to the second paragraph of the 14th article;

That the proposed amendment to article 1, section 5;

That the proposed amendment to 2d section of the 9th article;

That the first proposed amendments to the 12th article;

That the proposed amendments to the 3d section of the 1st article; be severally postponed until the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge.

That the consideration of the second proposed amendment to article 12, be indefinitely postponed.

That the further consideration of the proposed amendments to article 9, section 2, and article 1, section 7, be indefinitely postponed.

And your committee ask leave to be discharged.

WM. H. YOUNG, *Chairman.*

Rep. Underwood, of Indiana, submitted the following resolution:

Resol ed, That the next regular session of this Grand Body be held at Indianapolis, Indiana.

On which the yeas and nays were called, and appeared as follows:

YEAS—Reps. Burnham, (2 votes,) Carlton, (2 votes,) Doe, Harvey, Hoag, Hughes, Jones, Lamberton, Magee, McCarty, McLean, Nicholson, Porter, Roberts, Shinkle, (2 votes,) Sprague, Stokes, Underwood, Wheeler, Winchell—23.

NAYS—Reps. Adams, Archer, Barnum, Buckley, Bugbee, Davies, Dennis, Dibble, Dolson, Ellis, Escavaille, Forbes, Froment, Fuller, Gilmore, Griswold, Harris, Hanna, Herr, Hickox, Hills, Iglehart, Krogman, Lamb, Marley, Meacham, Morris, Page, Pond, Richardson, Sanders, Sims, Smart, (2 votes,) Steere, (2 votes,) Stuart, Thomas, Wilson, Young—40.

Rep. Pinckney, of Southern New York, asked and obtained leave to be be excused from voting.

Rep. Krogman, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Correspondence, submitted the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Correspondence, in whose hands was placed the correspondence of the Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary for the past year, have examined the same and offer the following report:

That the greater portion of said correspondence has been of a business character, and attended to by those very competent and efficient officers. The remainder of the correspondence has been very ably and elaborately reported by the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary in his annual report to this R. W. Grand Lodge, and therefore require nothing further from our hands. Your committee found a number of communications from Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries, requesting that the A. T. P. W. and the A. P. W. of the degree of R. to be sent to them, they not having received them from their Grand Representatives. This should not be, and the committee mention this fact, that the Representatives of this session may see the importance of correctly receiving and transmitting these P. W. to their several jurisdictions.

S. B. KROGMAN,
N. P. IGLEHART,
H. S. HERR,
PHILIP POND,
C. C. ARCHER.

On motion the rule was suspended and the report was considered and adopted.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Constitutions, submitted the following report, which was, the rule being suspended, considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions respectfully report that they have examined the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, also the amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, and the amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and find the amendments to be in conformity with the Constitution and Laws of this R. W. Grand Body. Your committee, therefore, recommend that the same be approved.

THEODORE FROMENT,
JOS. B. LAMB,
J. H. CARLTON,
P. MAGEE, JR.

Rep. Morris, of Kentucky, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. C. P. John A. Thompson and others, from the action of the Grand Encampment of Maryland, submit the following report:

In January, 1861, the Grand Patriarch made the following decision, to wit: "Suspension by a Lodge for a definite period does not of itself work absolute suspension, but operates only as a suspension dependent upon or during the period of which he may be held in suspension by his Lodge. During that suspension he has not the right to visit an Encampment or to participate in its benefits, yet if he should continue to pay his dues as required by the by-laws of his Camp during the period of said suspension, his restoration to membership in his Lodge *ipso facto* reinstates him in membership," which decision was confirmed by the Grand Encampment at the session at which it was rendered. The appeal is taken on the ground that the action is in conflict with former decisions of said Grand Encampment, and with the provisions of one of the articles of the General Laws of said Grand Encampment.

The decisions referred to by the appellants were made prior to the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States in regard to suspensions for an indefinite period, Journal 2287, 2288, 2340, clearly defining the status of a member at the termination of the period of suspension.

The laws of the Order clearly recognize the right of an Encampment to take cognizance of the misdemeanors of its members at all times, and when an Encampment fails itself to proceed against a member suspended by his Lodge, and rests upon the action and punishment

which may have been inflicted by the Lodge, when that punishment is by the action of law terminated, and the party returns to his privileges as a member in the Lodge, the Encampment is, in the opinion of your committee, obliged to receive him. We therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Encampment of Maryland be affirmed

GEO. W. MORRIS,
JAMES B. NICHOLSON,
F. A. ELLIS,
THOMAS STEERE.

Rep. Nicholson, from the Committee on Appeals, presented the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. M. B. Pitts, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, respectfully report, that in this case it appears that the difficulty has arisen from differences of opinion in relation to the form of certificate by which a P. N. G. is admissable to the Grand Lodge. At the annual session of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, held in 1855, the following provisions of the Constitution were adopted and remain unchanged:

"SEC. 1, ART. II.—*Qualification for Membership.*—The members of the Grand Lodge shall be Past Grands who are in good standing in Lodges subordinate to and in full connection with this Grand Lodge, who have been duly and regularly elected Representatives of Lodges respectively, or chosen as proxies, and shall have received the Grand Lodge Degree and subscribed to the Constitution.

SEC. 2.—*Election of Members.—Clause* 1.—Each Subordinate Lodge shall, at the last meeting in June, annually, elect by ballot from among the Past Grands who are in membership in the Lodge so electing, such number of them as the Lodge may determine to represent it in the Grand Lodge, to serve for one year from the first Wednesday of the ensuing August, and shall cause to be made out the following Certificate of Election:

"This certifies that Past Grands A. B., &c., have been duly elected, by a ballot of this Lodge, (Regular, Additional, or Proxy) Representatives in the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, I. O. O. F., for the period of one year from the first Wednesday of August, 18—.

"Signed by the Noble Grand and Secretary, with the seal of the Lodge attached.

"CLAUSE 2.—Subordinate Lodges may at any time elect from among their qualified members additional Representatives, to serve until the next annual election; but a motion for such election shall not be determined until the regular meeting after that on which it shall have been offered in the Lodge."

SEC. 1, ART. I., That the Grand Lodge "shall be composed only of the Grand Officers formally installed, and the Past Grand Masters, and Past Grands who are contributing members of Lodges subordinate to this Grand Lodge, and who shall have been admitted pursuant to the regulations of the Order."

At the semi-annual session, held February 6th, 1861, the following resolution was submitted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish to the Subordinate

Lodges, semi-annually, in addition to the usual blanks, a suitable blank certificate for the Junior P. G. to procure the Grand Lodge Degree.

On motion, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Laws. with instructions to examine into the law bearing on the case, and to report at the May session.

The committee made their report, concluding as follows:

The Grand Secretary having issued to the Subordinate Lodges of this jurisdiction the blank form of Certificate provided by the Constitution, (a copy of which is hereto annexed,) that officer cannot be directed to issue the form of Certificate contemplated by the resolution referred to your committee, until the necessary provision therefor shall be made by amending the Constitution.

The Grand Lodge concurred in the report of the committee, from which action P. G. Pitts appeals to this R. W. Body.

The number of Representatives to which a Lodge is entitled in the Grand Lodge of Southern New York being indefinite, limited only by the number of Past Noble Grands and the suffrages of the Lodge, the "Certificate of Election" as Representative is substantially the same as that known in other jurisdictions as a "Past Grand's Certificate" for a Past Noble Grand who has been elected as a Representative, remains during good standing in his Subordinate Lodge a member of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, although the Subordinate Lodge may refuse to re-elect him as a Representative.

Your committee cannot but assent to the view expressed by the Committee on the State of the Order, at your annual communication in 1848: "That the amount and character of the evidence which should be required by State Grand Lodges before conferring the several degrees, is a matter which can properly be decided by the State Grand Lodges alone," (Journal 1202, 1208.) The appellant alleges however that "the decision of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York is in conflict with and denies the rights of the Past Grand as secured to him by the laws and decisions of the Grand Lodge of the United States." Your committee are compelled to admit that injustice may be done to Past Grands by taking a "ballot" or vote upon granting a certificate to entitle them to admission to a State Grand Lodge. If the Grand Lodge Degree is "a reward for official service," and cannot be conferred "for any other consideration except the regular performance of the duties of the Noble Grand's chair, (Journal 2384,) and "certificates entitling members who have served in office to the appropriate past official degrees, must be given without a vote of the Lodge, (Journal 1902, 1953.) It is the opinion of your committee that no ballot or vote should be taken upon granting a Past Grand's certificate after a faithful performance of the duties of the office of Noble Grand.

Your committee therefore submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That so much of the appeal of P. G. Pitts as relates to the "blanks" or form of certificate issued by the Grand Lodge of Southern New York be dismissed.

Resolved, That the opinion of the committee in relation to a ballot or vote

upon a Past Grand's certificate, entitling a Past Grand to admission to a State Grand Lodge, be concurred in.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. NICHOLSON,
F. A. ELLIS,
GEO. W. MORRIS,
J. H. HICKOX,
THOMAS STEERE.

Rep. Steere, of Rhode Island, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, of the State of Maryland, from a decision of the Grand Lodge of the said State, most respectfully report:

The question presented is simply this: was Charles H. Turner, of Gratitude Lodge, entitled to benefits from January 24, 1859, for the period of fifty-four weeks, that is up to the time of his death, which was announced to his Lodge March 5, 1860.

Waiving some questions which might have been worthy of consideration, but which by the act of the Subordinate in paying benefits to said Turner, are now practically of no account, your committee find by the report of the Executive Committee of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, that Turner was reported to his Lodge "out of care" on January 24, 1859, by the Vice Grand of his Lodge.

It appears in the appeal of Gratitude Lodge, and nothing in the report to the Grand Lodge of Maryland contradicts it, that Turner remained out of care for over a year, giving no information to the Lodge of himself, or his health.

The report of the Executive Committee of the Grnnd Lodge, indeed, say that Turner was *induced* to declare himself out of care. We do not see any evidence of inducement or coercion.

Your committee will not argue the points taken in their report, by the Executive Committee, but will simply say that the assumptions therein contained do not all seem to be borne out by the facts in the case, as appears by the papers.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in the case of the appeal of the widow of Charles H. Turner, from a decision of Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, made at its annual session, April, 1861, be and the same is hereby reversed.

THOMAS STEERE,
JAMES B. NICHOLSON,
F. A. ELLIS,
GEO. W. MORRIS,
J. H. HICKOX.

Rep. Forbes, of Missouri, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions having had in consideration the petition for the establishment of a Subordinate Encampment at St. Catharines, in Canada West, would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of said petitioners be granted, and the Grand Sire be authorized to grant a warrant for the same.

ISAIAH FORBES,
IRA C. DOE,
ISRAEL G. BUGBEE,
ALEX. N. HALL,
JOHN H. ROWELL.

Rep. Forbes, of Missouri, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of the officers of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, for the establishment of an Encampment to be held at Nebraska City, to be hailed Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, beg leave to report favorably for its establishment, and offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R W. (d Sire be requested to issue a warrant of dispensation for the establishin; idgely Encampment, No. 1, to be held at Nebraska City.

ISAIAH FORBES,
IRA C. DOE,
ISRAEL G. BUGBEE,
ALEX. N. HALL,
JNO. H. ROWELL.

Rep. Forbes, of Missouri, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the request of Past Grand Master, Samuel E. May, of Jacksonville, Oregon, that an Encampment be established in that town, believe that the establishing an Encampment in said town will further the ca se of Odd-Fellowship, and beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Sire issue a dispensation for said Encampment.

ISAIAH FORBES,
IRA C. DOE,
ISRAEL G. BUGBEE,
ALEX. N. HALL,
JOHN H. ROWELL.

Rep. Forbes, of Missouri, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition for the establishment of an Encampment at Benton, Arkansas, find the petitioners have complied with all the requisitions of this Grand Lodge, and therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

ISAIAH FORBES,
IRA C. DOE,
ISRAEL G. BUGBEE,
ALEX. N. HALL,
JOHN H. ROWELL.

Rep. Forbes, of Missouri, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom has been referred the communication of John K. Hall, R. W. District Deputy Grand Sire of Washington Territory, setting forth the state of the Order in that distant portion of our jurisdiction, and asking that the Subordinate Lodges in that Territory may be attached to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, respectfully report, that whereas the very remote and isolated location of Subordinate Lodges in Washington Territory, together with the great delay and uncertainty incident to the communication of this Grand Lodge with the Subordinates in that Territory, urgently requires for the future prosperity of the Order in that section that the same should be attached to and united with the jurisdiction of Oregon; therefore,

Resolved, That the Subordinate Lodges within the Territory of Washington be attached to, and made subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Oregon, and that the Grand Lodge of Oregon have full jurisdiction over the Territory of Washington.

ISAIAH FORBES,
IRA C. DOE,
ISRAEL G. BUGBEE,
ALEX. N. HALL,
JOHN H. ROWELL.

Rep. Forbes, of Missouri, from the Committee on Petitions, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition for the establishment of a Lodge in Colorado Territory, beg leave to report that feeling satisfied that the establishment of a Lodge in said Territory would materially further the cause of Odd-Fellowship, offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition for the establishment of a new Lodge be granted, and when the requisition of this Grand Lodge is complied with, the Grand Sire is authorized to issue a dispensation.

ISAIAH FORBES,
ISRAEL G. BUGBEE,
IRA C. DOE,
ALEX. N. HALL,
JOHN H. ROWELL.

Rep. Davies, of Southern New York, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That it be referred to a special committee to take into consideration and to report (if possible) a plan by which members of the Order in the position of Bro. W. J. D. Williams, of Union Lodge, No. 7, of Virginia, as represented in the communication read to this Grand Body, may be retained in the Order.

Rep. Underwood, of Indiana, from the Committee on Returns, submitted the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns beg leave to report that since their report there has been placed in their hands returns from sundry Subordinate Encampments of Delaware, which have been properly inspected, and they ask leave to report that they are correct, viz:

Delaware No. 1, for year ending June 30, 1861; McDonall, No. 2, semi-annual reports of June 30, 1860, December 30, 1860, and June 30, 1861; Reynolds, No. 3, semi-annual report of June 30, 1861; Kirkwood, No. 6, semi-annual reports of December 30, 1860, and June 30, 1861. Respectfully submitted,

LUCIUS A. THOMAS,
THOS. UNDERWOOD,
JOHN H. WHEELER,
A. D. MEACHAM,
CHAS. HOAG.

The Chair appointed as the special committee on the resolution of Rep. Davies, of Southern New York, Reps. McCarty, of Indiana; Sims, of Missouri; and Wilson, of Wisconsin.

Rep. Dennis, of Michigan, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That this R. W. Grand Lodge holds its next session at the city of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rep. Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, moved to strike out "Cincinnati" and insert "New York," which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution as amended, it was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS—Reps. Burnham, (2 votes,) Davies, Dennis, Dolson, Froment, Fuller, Hall, Hanna, Harvey, Herr, Hoag, Hughes, Krogman, Lamberton, Magee, McCarty, Meriam, Nicholson, Sanders, (2 votes,) Sprague, Stokes, Underwood, Wheeler, Wilson, Winchell—27.

NAYS—Reps. Adams, Archer, Burnham, Buckley, Bugbee, Carlton, (2 votes,) Doe, Ellis, Escavaille, Forbes, Gilmore, Griswold, Harris, Hickox, Hills, Iglehart, Jones, Marley, McLean, Meacham, (2 votes,) Morris, Page, Pond, (2 votes,)

Porter, Richardson, Roberts, Shinkle, (2 votes,) Sims, Smart, (2 votes,) Stuart, Young—36.

Rep. Pinckney, of Southern New York, was excused from voting.

Rep. Meacham, of California, submitted the following statement and resolution, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned would respectfully call the attention of this R. W. Grand Body to the fact that in the Territory of Nevada are at this present time a large number of Odd-Fellows who are anxious to establish several Lodges in said Territory, but in consequence of their isolated condition and the difficulty of communicating directly with this R. W. Grand Body, they have not as yet been enabled so to do, and believing that it would be beneficial to the interests of the Order in that section to attach that Territory to the jurisdiction of California, would respectfully offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Territory of Nevada be and the same is hereby attached to the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of California.

A. D. MEACHAM.

Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a complete copy of the bound volumes, Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, be presented to such members as have not heretofore received the same.

Rep. Pinckney, of Southern New York, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we now go into secret session.

After some time spent in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business, when

Rep. McCarty, of Indiana, from the Special Committee on the resolution of Rep. Davies, of Southern New York, submitted the following report which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your special committee, to whom was referred the communication of Edwin Swanton, of New York, to Rep. J. J. Davies, would most respectfully report that they have examined said communication, and would recommend that Rep. J. J. Davies have leave to withdraw said communication without its having been entered upon the journal of this Grand Lodge.

T. B. M'CARTY,
JAMES SIMS,
H. O. WILSON.

Rep. Gilmore, of Northern New York, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented beg leave to submit the following report:

That all Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments subordinate to this R. W. Grand Lodge are represented except the following, viz:

South Carolina, North Carolina, Louisiana, Virginia, Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi, Texas, Florida, Arkansas, Vermont, Kansas and Nebraska.

Your committee express deep regret at the absence of Representatives from these Grand Bodies, and venture to express the opinion that it is occasioned by necessity rather than choice, and that their allegiance to this R. W. Grand Lodge remains intact.

Your committee are confident that our Worthy Grand Sire, Robert B. Boylston, who is the embodiment of all the qualities which constitute the gentleman, and who possesses in an eminent degree the esteem and affection of all Representatives who have been honored with his acquaintance, is only prevented from attending this session of the R. W. Grand Lodge and performing the duties devolved upon him, by the voluntary suffrages of this Grand Lodge, by circumstances over which he has no control, and that the same reasons actuate a majority of other Representatives who are absent from this session.

Your committee venture to express on behalf of this R. W. Grand Lodge, its continued friendship and high esteem for our absent brothers, and to entertain the hope that by another session of this R. W. Grand Lodge, all cause for their continued absence will be forever removed, and that their vacant seats will be again occupied, filling that void which all of us who have attended this session have sensibly felt, aiding us by their counsels and experience, and making all our hearts glad at so happy a re-union.

In conclusion, your committee beg leave to submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary forward to the Representatives of Grand Bodies, subordinate to this Grand Lodge, who are absent from this session, the same number of copies of the proceedings of this R. W. Grand Lodge and other documents furnished to the Representatives of the R. W. Grand Body.

DEXTER GILMORE,
JONATHAN SPRAGUE,
NATHANIEL ADAMS,
BENJ. BUCKLEY,
SAM'L G. DOLSON.

Rep. McLean, of District of Columbia, from the Committee on Printing, submitted the following report, which lies over under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee on Printing having had under consideration the bill of Bro. James Young, for the paper and printing, of 500 (five hundred) copies of the revised Journal, three volumes, amounting to $661.62, have approved the same, and recommend its payment.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. R. McLEAN,
S. H. HARRIS,
THOMAS C. PORTER,
B. J. F. HANNA,
J. A. FULLER.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, from the Committee on Appeals, submitted the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal o Conodoguinet Lodge, No. 173, from a decision of the Grand Lodge o Pennsylvania, respectfully report that they have examined the case and find the facts to be as follows:

Brother G. W. Woodburn, being a member of Conodoguinet Lodge, lost his wife by death on the 14th of April, 1854. By the By-Laws of the Lodge, if the brother was not at the time in arrears for more than one dollar he was entitled to fifteen dollars as funeral benefits for the burial of his wife. If he was so in arrears, he was not so entitled. The state of his account at that date is therefore the important fact. The investigation of that account, upon the claim being made, led to the determination by the Lodge that he *was* so in arrears, more than one dollar, at the time of the death of his wife, and was consequently not entitled to the fifteen dollars. In this decision the brother acquiesced for three and a half years. Then, in January, 1858, being himself sick, and again in arrears, he made a payment and claimed benefits. This claim was met by the decision of this Grand Lodge, that such payment could not make him beneficial for that sickness. He then claimed that the Lodge was still indebted to him for the funeral benefit of his wife, and that until that indebtedness was discharged he could not be in arrears.

The Lodge, willing to do the brother no wrong in the matter, appointed a special committee to examine the claim, who, after again investigating the account, reported that he was not beneficial at the time of the death of his wife; thus reiterating the decision made over three years before.

From that decision he appealed to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The appeal was after some delay referred by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to the Grand Officers *with power to act*, which, under the practice in that jurisdiction, without any special constitutional provision, vested the whole appellate power in the Board of Grand Officers, whose determination in cases thus referred to them was held to be final.

The Board of Grand Officers, in their report, intimate the opinion that the brother was beneficial at the time of the death of his wife; but determined the case in favor of the Lodge upon the ground that the appeal came too late.

The point assumed by them was that the report of the special committee and the action of the Lodge in January, 1858, was only a reiteration of the decision made three and a half years before, and that the appeal, if made at all, should have been made within three months from the first or original decision of the Lodge, in April, 1854; the laws of that jurisdiction requiring appeals to be made within three months from the date of the action appealed from.

In the meantime Brother Woodburn had deceased, leaving another

wife a widow, who in May, 1860, came into the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and in a long special appeal called upon the Grand Lodge to review and overrule the determination of its Grand Officers and to require Conodoguinet Lodge to pay her the fifteen dollars funeral benefits of her husband's first wife, with sick benefits and funeral benefits claimed to be due her deceased husband, amounting in the aggregate to some $186 50.

Upon the presentation of this appeal, three several resolutions, directing these three several payments were immediately passed, as Conodoguinet Lodge, alleges, "under the pressure of the previous question at a time when many members were absent, not having returned from the mid-day recess, the hour of taking which had been extended upon the motion of the *Past Grand*, who was the author of the appeal, and the agent or attorney of the widow."

From this action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Conodoguinet Lodge appeals to this Grand Body.

Your committee are clearly of the opinion that the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in passing each of these resolutions, was wrong and ought to be reversed.

The third resolution, which directs the Lodge to pay Julia A. Woodburn the sum of $35, for funeral benefits on the death of her husband, we think ought to be reversed; because, in the opinion of your committee, the claim upon which it was based was premature and out of place in the special appeal referred to, because it does not appear that that claim was ever made upon, or rejected by, the Lodge and could not therefore be the subject of appeal.

The first and second resolutions we think ought also to be reversed. First, because without stopping to inquire into and determine upon the power of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to review and overrule a decision made by its Grand Officers upon a matter referred to them by the Grand Lodge "*with power to act*," which, under the uniform practice in that jurisdiction may well be questioned; your committee are of the opinion that there is merit in the position assumed by the Grand Officers, that the claim made for funeral benefits for the first wife was barred by limitation, the appeal not having been prosecuted within three months from the first decision of the Lodge rejecting the claim.

The determination of the Lodge made in January, 1858, is precisely the same as that made in April, 1854, and was as the Lodge claims, only a reiteration of the former decision, from which if at all the appeal should have been made; and not having been made within three months from that decision, the right of appeal was, under the law of the jurisdiction, gone. Any other ruling would practically nullify all provisions designed to limit controversy, and unsettle all the business and jeopardize all the interests of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment.

Again, your committee cannot concur in the opinion urged in the widow's appeal, and seemingly acquiesced in by the Grand Officers in their examination of the case, to wit: that the brother was a beneficial

member at the time of the death of his wife, and that he was therefore entitled to the fifteen dollars first claimed.

This opinion seems to have been based upon the fact that among the charges against the brother upon the books of the Lodge was a funeral assessment of fifty cents, entered against him on the 20th of March, 1854, which assessment by the laws of that State might have been paid by him at any time within three months therefrom, and if left unpaid did not operate to exclude him from benefits until the expiration of those three months. And that apart from that assessment, the brother being allowed all the payments made by him, was not in arrears to the amount of one dollar at the time of the death of his wife.

An inspection of the account of the brother on the books of the Lodge, a transcript of which is before your committee, will, in the opinion of the committee, settle this question. From that account it appears that on March 20, 1854, the same night the funeral assessment of fifty cents is entered, Bro. Woodburn paid into the Lodge fifty cents, which the Lodge by its officers applied to the payment of the funeral assessment. That the Lodge, or its financial officer, had a perfect right to make that application of that payment in the absence of any direction from the party to make any other application of it, will not be questioned. No such special direction having been given, so far as your committee can learn, they hold it to have been thus properly applied. The application of that payment being admitted, the account clearly shows the brother to have been in arrears $1.15 on the 14th of February, 1854, the date of his wife's death, and consequently not beneficial.

The committee respectfully submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the matter of the claim of Julia A. Woodburn against Conodoguinet Lodge be reversed.

F. A. ELLIS,
GEO. W. MORRIS,
THO. STEERE,
J. H. HICKOX.

The hour of four o'clock having arrived, the Grand Lodge adjourned.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1861—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled according to adjournment. Present:

MILTON HERNDON.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, presiding.
F. D. STUART.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*
LUCIUS A. THOMAS.....R. W. Grand Secretary, *p. t.*
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. E. M. P. WELLS.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
W. H. H. PRALL.....R. W. Grand Marshal, *p. t.*
SOLOMON H. LEWYT.....W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN....W. Grand Messenger.

And a Representation from a quorum of jurisdictions.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. E. M. P. Wells, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

On motion of Rep. Marley, of Maryland, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Dibble, of Northern New York, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your committee have endeavored to possess themselves of the requisite knowledge of the financial condition of this Grand Lodge at present, as well as in times past, and would earnestly impress upon its consideration the necessity of taking at once some effectual measures for the more permanent and sure realization of funds to defray its annual expenditures and to lessen them and to relieve the treasury from its present embarrassments; in a measure do we recommend that the Grand Officers and Representatives make the personal sacrifice referred to in the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary; and in view of the stringency and derangement in the money market, and the known liberality of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer and Grand Messenger, have determined to recommend the reduction of the salaries of those officers to the respective sums hereinafter specified in the estimate of expenditures.

Your committee have made all the inquiries necessary in their judgment in relation to the application of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, for a charter and supplies and the conditions required, and believe that in the event the said Grand Lodge should not comply with such conditions, the £20 received by the Grand Secretary, should be refunded and submit herewith a resolution.

Your committee have also come to the conclusion to and do recommend the printing of two hundred copies of each, the installation books, funeral ceremonials, opening and closing ceremonies of the degrees in the German language for the use of the 12,350 Germans who are attached to the various jurisdictions subordinate to this, and for that purpose have estimated and do herewith submit the expenditure.

Your committee have estimated the revenue to be derived from the sale of books, cards, diplomas, and odes, at $3,400 less than the same was estimated last year, and are sanguine that the Grand Lodge can realize that sum from such sales.

Your committee cannot approve of the large expenditures of moneys which have been made in procuring steel plates and portraits in the present crippled state of the finances of this Grand Lodge, and express the hope that while Grand Officers and Grand Representatives are willing to sacrifice upon their mileage, no such expenses in the future be incurred; we have allowed such claims as are outstanding as obligations, which are justly due and must be paid, but hope there will be no more until the finances shall be more abundant.

Estimated Expenditure.

Salary of the Grand Secretary	$1,000 00
Salary of the Grand Treasurer	100 00
Salary of the Grand Messenger	500 00
Rent of the G. Secretary's office, including gas and fuel	275 00
Postage, stationery, boxes and express charges	200 00
Paper and printing daily session	200 00
Binding revised Journal—450 vols	225 00
Per diem and mileage of Officers and Representatives	7,116 00
Printing cards and institution books	200 00
German charge books	25 00
Bill of William H. Dougal, for engraving cards and fine steel plate portraits for Journal	565 00
James Young for printing and paper	661 62
William R. Lindsay, folding, &c	52 50
Printing 200 German installation books, funeral ceremonies, opening and closing Degree Lodges and paper	100 00
Paper and printing Journal, revised and stereotyped	850 00
	$12,070 12

Estimated Revenue of the Current Year.

Representative tax	$7,500 00
Due from Subordinate Lodges and Encampments	150 00
Arrears due from Grand Bodies	2,836 24
Sale of books	2,000 00
Sale of cards	3,000 00
Sale of diplomas	300 00
Sale of odes	100 00
	$16,886 24

The revenue, as estimated, exceeds the estimated expenditures $3,816 12, and the balance in the treasury to-day is $6,600, which will be absorbed in the payment of per diem and mileage at the present session.

Your committee further report that they have, after mature deliberation, reached the conclusion that the deduction of the small sum of one cent per mile travel of the Officers and Representatives will so relieve the treasury that the per diem and mileage can be paid and leave a balance therein for payment of other claims of about $800.

Your committee have carefully examined the books of the R. W. Grand Treasurer and Secretary, and find them in all things correct and have so certified thereon.

We submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the sum of $12,070 12, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of salaries, printing, per diem and mileage, and other expenses of the current year, agreeably to the estimate herein submitted, and that the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue his warrants therefor.

Resolved, That the per diem be three dollars and the mileage four cents of the Grand Officers and Grand Representatives at the present session of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That the salary of the Grand Secretary be one thousand dollars, of the Grand Treasurer be one hundred dollars, and of the Grand Messenger be five hundred dollars each for the year next ensuing.

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for £20, to refund to the Grand Lodge of Victoria if found necessary.

All which is respectfully submitted,

EDGAR C. DIBBLE,
A. SHINKLE,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
J. W. STOKES,
GEO. B. ROBERTS.

Rep. Pinckney, of Southern New York, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the rule requiring reports to lay over be suspended during the day.

Rep Sanders, of Northern New York, moved that the report be accepted and the resolutions adopted.

A division of the question was called, when the report was concurred in, and the first and second resolutions adopted.

On motion, the third resolution was amended by striking out "one hundred" and inserting "two hundred," and the resolution as amended was adopted.

The fourth resolution was adopted.

Rep. Young, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the communication and resolution submitted by Rep. Meacham, of California, ask leave to report: That they have considered the subject matter of said resolution and are of opinion that the interest of the Order in Nevada

Territory will be advanced by attaching that Territory to the jurisdiction of California, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, as offered and herewith submitted:

Resolved, That the Territory of Nevada be and the same is hereby attached to the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of California.

WILLIAM H. YOUNG
E. M. BARNUM,
H. B. PAGE,
J. P. SANDERS,
D. GILMORE.

Rep. Underwood, of Indiana, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your committee beg leave to further report that having examined the following returns, they find them correct, viz:

Olympia Lodge, No. 1, Washington Territory, for terms ending December 31st, 1860, and June 30th, 1861.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIUS A. THOMAS.
THOS. UNDERWOOD,
CHARLES HOAG,
JOHN H. WHEELER,
A. D. MEACHAM.

Rep. Burnham, of Maine, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge adjourn *sine die*, at the close of this day's session.

Rep. Steere, of Rhode Island, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of three be by the Chair appointed, to prepare and report at the next session of this Grand Lodge, an Index and Digest to the revised Journal.

Rep. Hills, of Wisconsin, offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the form for the public dedications of Odd-Fellow's Halls and Lodge Rooms, and the ceremony to be observed in laying Corner Stones, be printed and bound with the volume of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, about to be issued, and also the new Digest in preparation.

Rep. Sanders, of Northern New York, offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge will hold its next annual session at the city of Syracuse, New York.

Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, moved the previous question, which, being seconded by the Lodge, the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. Sanders, of Northern New York?"

The yeas and nays being required, appeared as follows.

YEAS—Reps. Burnham, (2 votes,) Carlton, (2 votes,) Davies, Dennis, Dibble, Froment, Fuller, Hall, Hanna, Harvey, Herr, Hughes, Jones, Lamberton, Magee, McCarty, Meriam, Nicholson, Pinckney, Porter, Roberts, Rowell, Sanders, Sprague, Stokes, Stuart, Underwood, Weeks, Wheeler, Wilson, Winchell—33.

NAYS—Reps. Adams, Archer, Barnum, Buckley, Bugbee, Doe, Dolson, Ellis, Escavaille, Forbes, Gilmore, Griswold, Harris, Hickox, Hills, Hoag, Iglehart, Krogman, Lamb, Marley, McLean, Meacham, (2 votes,) Morris, Page, Pond, (2 votes,) Richardson, Shinkle, (2 votes,) Sims, Smart, Steere, Young—34.

And the resolution was not agreed to.

The Grand Sire appointed as the committee called for by the resolution of Rep. Steere, of Rhode Island, to prepare an Index and Digest, Reps. Steere, of Rhode Island; Escavaille, of Maryland; and McCarty, of Indiana.

Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That should circumstances justify the Grand Secretary, and if in his opinion the safety and security of the archives and books of the Grand Lodge may require it, he be authorized to remove the same to Philadelphia or New York.

Resolved, That in the event of a probable interruption of the meeting of this Body in Baltimore, in 1862, the R. W. Deputy, (now acting Grand Sire,) Milton Herndon, be authorized to convene the Grand Lodge at some central and convenient place, sufficient notice to be given to the different jurisdictions.

Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted:

WHEREAS the very spirit of Odd-Fellowship—the life it would breathe over all the world—the profession it makes everywhere, and at all times recognizing but one nation—the earth; but one family—the race of man. This is one of its boasts—one pillar of its strength; and whereas, its universal adaptation to the wants of man in the demonstration that its principles are inspired—its doctrines divine: and whereas, the trouble, discord and faction, that so often and so fiercely prevail in and between the various associations of the day, enter not the portals of Odd-Fellowship: and whereas, the bickerings, the jealousies, the strifes for place and power, the spirit of aggrandizement, the thoughts of self, the contests of sections and of party, which pervade society, imbitter friendships, and occasionally even desecrate the sanctuary, have cast no shadow within our Lodges: and whereas, to cement more strongly the ties that bind us together, and to renew our vows and devotions upon the sacred altar of Odd-Fellowship: be it therefore

Resolved, That the perpetuity of Odd-Fellowship, and its beneficial influence, can only be maintained and exercised by a rigid adherence to its ritual and fundamental laws.

Resolved, That the members of this Grand Lodge will employ every means, and will endeavor to impress upon the minds of their constituents, the necessity of so doing, to cultivate and practice these sentiments and principles, which will be best calculated to preserve our beloved Order intact, wherever its benign influence has spread, wherever the banner of Odd-Fellowship has been unfurled.

Resolved, That it is the duty of every good Odd-Fellow, at all times, so to act, and so to speak, that their words and deeds may give no just cause of offence to those whom circumstances have, for the time being, cut off from friendly and social intercourse with us.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hopes, and will continue to hope, that the trying difficulties now existing, and which have shaken our common country to its very foundation—causing distrust and estrangement between brothers and friends—may be speedily and amicably settled, and that the storm which is now raging in the hearts of the people of this once peaceful and happy land, may be assuaged, and the clouds which have darkened the hopes, and blighted the prospects of a whole nation, may be swept away, giving place to a cloudless sky, a bright and genial sunshine, shedding peace, harmony and joy over and throughout this wide-spread land.

Rep. Davies, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem ask leave to present the annexed tabular statement of the distance travelled by the Representatives to attend the present session of this Grand Lodge with the amount of mileage and daily pay to which each Representative is entitled under the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge at its present session, and ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amount of mileage and per diem as set forth in the accompanying tabular statement is hereby ordered to be paid.

JOHN J. DAVIES,
H. W. GRISWOLD,
JOS. RICHARDSON, JR.,
THOS. HUGHES,
J. B. SMART.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAMES	PROFESSION.	Town.	State.	Distance from Baltimore.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
GRAND OFFICERS.								
R. W. D G. Sire Milton Herndon.	Physician	Crawfordsville..	Indiana	797	4	$63 76	$12 00	$75 76
R. W. G. C. & R. S. J. L. Ridgely.	Farmer	Baltimore Co..	Maryland					
R. W. G. Treas. Joshua Vansant.	Hat Manufacturer	Baltimore	Maryland					
R. W. G. Chap. E. M. P. Wells..	Clergyman	Boston	Massachu'tts	424	4	33 92	12 00	45 92
R. W. G. Marshal W. H. H. Prall.	Grand Secretary	Albany	New York	342	4	27 36	12 00	39 36
R. W. G. Guar. S. H. Lewyt	Jeweler	Baltimore	Maryland		4		12 00	12 00
R. W. G. Mess. J. E. Chamberlain.	Shoe Manufacturer	Baltimore	Maryland					
REPRESENTATIVES.								
Adams, N	Mason	Boston	Massachu'tts	424	4	33 92	12 00	45 92
Archer, C. C	Druggist	St. Louis	Missouri	958	4	76 64	12 00	88 64
Atkinson, James	Printer	Newport	Rhode Island	382	1	30 56	3 00	33 56
Barnum, E. M	Lawyer	Salem	Oregon	5,400	4	432 00	12 00	444 00
Brown, James	Commissioner's Dep't	Wash'ton City	Dis. of Col	40	1	3 20	3 00	6 20
Buckley, Benjamin	Manufacturer	Patterson	New Jersey	208	4	16 64	12 00	28 64
Bugbee, J. G	Physician	Edwardsburg	Michigan	798	4	63 84	12 00	75 84
Burnham, E. P	Treasurer Savings Inst.	Saco	Maine	506	4	40 48	12 00	52 48
Carlton, John W	Contractor	Cincinnati	Ohio	666	4	53 28	12 00	65 28
Cassaday, George W	Lawyer	Jersey City	New Jersey					
Davies, John J	Grand Secretary	New York	New York	192	4	15 36	12 00	27 36
Dennis, B. W	Miller	Byron	Michigan	730	4	58 40	12 00	70 40
Dibble, Edgar C	Lawyer	Batavia	New York	384	4	30 72	12 00	42 72
Doe, Ira C	Teacher	Saco	Maine	506	4	40 48	12 00	52 48
Dolson, S. C	Builder	St. Catharine's	Canada West	440	4	35 20	12 00	47 20

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—CONTINUED.

NAMES.	PROFESSION.	Town.	State.	Distance from Baltimore.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
Ellis, F. A	Lawyer	Elkton	Maryland	51	4	$4 08	$12 00	$16 08
Escavaille, J. B	Grand Secretary	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	4	.....	12 00	12 00
Forbes, Isaiah	Dentist	St. Louis	Missouri	958	4	76 64	12 00	88 64
Froment, Theodore	Jeweler	New York	New York	192	4	15 36	12 00	27 36
Fuller, John A	Merchant	Halifax	Nova Scotia	1138	4	91 04	12 00	103 04
Gilmore, Dexter	Lawyer	Utica	New York	434	4	34 72	12 00	46 72
Griswold, H. W	Railroad Agent	Freeport	Illinois	950	4	76 00	12 00	88 00
Hall, Alex. N	Jeweler	Milford	Delaware	141	4	11 28	12 00	23 28
Hanna, B. J. F	Printer	Chester	Illinois	1038	4	83 04	12 00	95 04
Harris, Samuel H	Printer	New Haven	Connecticut	266	4	21 28	12 00	33 28
Harvey, Jonathan C	Lawyer	Jeffersonville	Indiana	723	4	57 84	12 00	69 84
Herr, Henry C	Justice of the Peace	Bloomington	Illinois	958	4	76 64	12 00	88 64
Hills, L. B	Banker	Waupan	Wisconsin	978	4	79 24	12 00	91 24
Hickox, J. H	Miner	Forest City	California	4700	4	376 00	12 00	388 00
Hoag, Charles	Farmer	Minneapolis	Minnesota	1456	4	116 48	12 00	128 48
Hughes, Thomas	Land Agent	Iowa City	Iowa	1068	4	85 44	12 00	97 44
Iglehart, N. P	Real Estate Dealer	Chicago	Illinois	828	4	66 24	12 00	78 24
Jones, John W	State Treasurer	Des Moines	Iowa	1188	4	95 04	12 00	107 04
Krogman, S. B	Merchant	Boston	Massachu'tts	424	4	33 92	12 00	45 92
Lamb, Joseph L	Farmer	Pemberton	New Jersey	128	4	10 24	12 00	22 24
Lamberton, Robert A	Lawyer	Harrisburg	Pennsylvania	85	4	6 80	12 00	18 80
Magee, P., Jr	Accountant	Pittsburg	Pennsylvania	340	4	27 20	12 00	39 20
Marley, Richard	Shoe Manufacturer	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	4	.....	12 00	12 00
M'Carty, Thos. B	County Auditor	Wabash	Indiana	687	4	54 96	12 00	66 96

McLean, Wm. R	Printer	Wash'gton City	Dis. of Col..	40	4	3 20	12 00	15 20
Meacham, A. D.	Merchant	Yreka	California..	5083	4	406 64	12 00	418 64
Meriam, B. S.	City Clerk	Keokuk	Iowa	1128	4	90 24	12 00	102 24
Morris, George W.	Merchant	Louisville	Kentucky...	794	4	63 52	12 00	75 52
Nicholson. Joseph B.	Bookbinder	Philadelphia...	Pennsylvania	98	4	7 84	12 00	19 84
Page, H. L.	Broker	Milwaukie	Wisconsin...	913	4	73 04	12 00	85 04
Pinckney, Charles C.	Broker	New York	New York...	192	4	15 36	12 00	27 36
Pond, Philip	Merchant	New Haven...	Connecticut..	266	4	21 28	12 00	33 28
Porter, Thomas C.	Commission Merchant..	Boston	Massachu'tts	424	4	33 92	12 00	45 92
Richardson, Joseph, Jr.	Manufacturer	Wilmington....	Delaware....	75	4	6 00	12 00	18 00
Roberts, Geo. B	Merchant	Laporte	Indiana	780	4	62 40	12 00	74 40
Rowell, John H.	Stove Dealer	Franklin	N.Hampshire	493	4	39 44	12 00	51 44
Sanders, James P.	Lawyer	Yonkers	New York...	208	4	16 84	12 00	28 84
Shinkle, Amos	Coal Dealer	Covington	Kentucky....	666	4	53 28	12 00	65 28
Sims, James	Builder	St. Louis	Missouri....	958	4	76 64	12 00	88 64
Smart, Joseph B.	Mason	Concord	N.Hampshire	476	4	38 08	12 00	50 08
Sprague, Jonathan	Tailor	Ann Harbor....	Michigan...	700	4	56 00	12 00	68 00
Steere, Thomas	Lawyer	Woonsocket,..	R. Island....	389	4	31 12	12 00	43 12
Stokes, John W.	Attorney	Philadelphia...	Pennsylvania	98	4	7 84	12 00	19 84
Stuart, Frederic D.	Draughtsman	Wash'ton City..	Dis. of Col..	40	4	3 20	12 00	15 20
Thomas, Lucius A.	Grand Secretary	New Haven ...	Connecticut.	266	4	21 28	12 00	33 28
Underwood, Thomas	Hardware Merchant....	Lafayette	Indiana	762	4	60 96	12 00	72 96
Weeks, George W.	Shoe Dealer	Manchester....	N.Hampshire	458	4	36 64	12 00	48 64
Wheeler, S. H.	Insurance Agent	Columbus	Ohio	548	4	43 84	12 00	55 84
Wilson, H. O.	Railroad Agent	Milwaukie	Wisconsin..	913	4	73 04	12 00	85 04
Winchell, Geo. D.	Manufacturer	Cincinnati	Ohio	666	4	53 28	12 00	65 28
Young, William H.	Lawyer	Baltimore	Maryland...	.....	4	.....	12 00	12 00
				49,362	270	$3,950 16	$810 00	$4,760 16

On motion of Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, the Grand Lodge took a recess for thirty minutes.

The Grand Lodge reassembled pursuant to the order for recess.

Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be, and are hereby tendered to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, for the attention it manifested to the expressed wish of this Body in altering the arrangements in this Hall so as to conduce more perfectly to the convenience and comfort of the Grand Representatives.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Representatives be, and are hereby extended to the brethren of Baltimore, for the renewed acts of kindness and hospitality which the Representatives have received at their hands.

Rep. Dibble, of Northern New York, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That there be appropriated the sum of five dollars from the funds of this Grand Lodge to pay the Janitor for services rendered during the present session.

Rep. Dibble, of Northern New York, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the resolution offered by Rep. Hills, that the forms for the publication of dedication of Odd-Fellows' halls and Lodge rooms, and ceremonies to be observed in laying corner stones, be printed and bound with the volume of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge about to be issued, and also the new Digest in preparation, do respectfully report:

That they find the whole of those ceremonies were printed and circulated in eight thousand copies over the whole jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and is, or should be, in every Lodge of Odd-Fellows in the Union—there being no provisions made for funds to pay for the printing thereof.

In view of the whole subject, your committee are of the opinion that the printing thereof better be deferred, and do so recommend.

All of which is submitted,

EDGAR C. DIBBLE,
J. W. STOKES,
GEO. B. ROBERTS,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
A. SHINKLE.

Rep. Herr, of Illinois, laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution:

By Rep. Herr, of Illinois, seconded by Reps. Burnham, of Maine, and Barnum, of Oregon.

Amend articles seven, twelve, thirteen, nineteen, and twenty-one, severally, by striking out the words "annual" and "annually" wherever they occur, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "biennial" and "biennially."

Amend article nine, section one, by striking out "two" and inserting "four;" and by striking out "annually" and inserting "biennially."

Amend article four, section one, in the fifth sentence, after the words, "such

appeals as may be submitted to him," and insert the words, "or to this Grand Lodge between its sessions."

Rep. Herr, of Illinois, laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution:

By Rep. Herr, of Illinois, seconded by Reps. Barnum, of Oregon, Burnham, of Maine, and Hughes, of Iowa.

Amend article fourteen, by adding the following to clause two: "or in lieu thereof such capitation tax upon each member of the Order in good standing in the several jurisdictions as this Grand Lodge may from time to time assess."

And in clause three, same article, add: "Or in lieu thereof such capitation tax as may be assessed upon the members of the Order generally by this Grand Lodge."

Rep. Hall, of Delaware, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. Hall, of Delaware, seconded by Reps. Hickox, of California, and Sims, of Missouri.

Amend Constitution, article twelve: "This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the third Tuesday of September, at ten o'clock, A. M., at such place as this Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine."

Rep. Meriam, of Iowa, offered the following resolution, which was not agreed to:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to send to each member, by mail, five copies of the last day's proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Froment, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Constitutions, submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the constitution of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, ask leave to report that they have carefully examined the amended constitution named, and find it in accordance with the constitution and laws of this Grand Lodge, and respectfully recommend that the same be approved.

THEODORE FROMENT,
RICHARD MARLEY,
JOS. L. LAMB,
J. W. CARLTON,
P. MAGEE, JR.

By consent of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Sire appointed Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, as Assistant Grand Secretary.

On motion, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of reports of committees as they occur in the proceedings.

The first report, (page 3357,) being from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of P. C. P. John A. Thompson, of Maryland, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3358,) being from the same committee, on the appeal of P. G. M. B. Pitts was considered and adopted.

By unanimous consent, Rep. Shinkle, of Kentucky, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

JOHN FONDA, Past Grand Representative from the Grand Lodge of the State of Kentucky, departed this life in January, 1861.

He was a member of Boone Lodge, No. 1, held at Louisville, and one of the first members of that Lodge—instituted in the year 1832. He has filled with marked ability all the important offices in the Subordinate as well as the Grand Lodge of his State. As a citizen he was honored and respected by all that knew him. As an Odd-Fellow he had no superior. He was kind, attentive and devoted to its principles. All that knew him loved him. He was a devoted Odd-Fellow, a kind husband, an indulgent parent, and a true and devoted Christian. He has gone—no more to meet with us in the Grand Lodge here below. True and faithful Odd-fellow, we bid thee farewell!

By unanimous consent, Rep. Morris, of Kentucky, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows:

It is my painful duty to announce the death of P. G. Rep. WM. B MASON, of Kentucky, during the recess. The lamented deceased was a native of Kentucky, born in the year 1815. In early life engaged in mercantile pursuits; subsequently chose the legal profession, which he pursued through life. In 1844 he was elected to represent his district in the Legislature, and again in 1849. In this, as well as other posts of honor and trust, he discharged his duties with ability, and to the entire satisfaction of his constituents.

Twenty years ago he became an Odd-Fellow, and from the day of his initiation until his death was one of its most ardent and zealous advocates. He freely gave both time and money to its support, and to his effort may be traced the rise, progress and prosperity of the Order in the region in which he lived.

He was an honorable member of society; beloved by all who knew him, a true and devoted friend; an honest man.

But he has gone, and we shall see his face no more. All that is mortal of him rests beneath the clods of the valley, while his spirit has returned to God who gave it.

Farewell departed brother. Thy many virtues will long continue to live greenly in our memories and affections.

The Grand Lodge resumed the consideration of the reports of committees.

The next report, (page 3360,) being from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of Gratitude Lodge, No. 5, of Maryland, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3361,) being the report of the Committee on Petitions, establishing an Encampment at St. Catharines, Canada West, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (same page,) being from the same committee, establishing Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, at Nebraska City, Nebraska, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (same page,) being from the same committee, establishing an Encampment at Jacksonville, Oregon, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3362,) being from the same committee, establishing an Encampment at Benton, Arkansas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (same page,) being from the same committee, asking that the Lodges in Washington Territory may be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (same page,) being from the same committee, for the establishment of a Subordinate Lodge in Colorado Territory, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3364,) being from the special committee on the communication of Edwin J. Swanton, of New York, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (same page,) being from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3365,) being from the Committee on Printing, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3366,) being from the Committee on Appeals, on the appeal of Conodoguinet Lodge, No. 173, of Pennsylvania, was considered.

The committee asked and obtained leave to withdraw the report for correction.

Rep. Ellis, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following corrected report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Conodoguinet Lodge, No. 173, from a decision of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, respectfully report that they have examined the case, and find the facts to be as follows:

Bro. G. W. Woodburn, being a member of Conodoguinet Lodge, lost his wife by death on the 14th of April, 1854. By the By-Laws of the Lodge, if the brother was not at the time in arrears for more than one dollar, he was entitled to fifteen dollars as funeral benefits for the burial of his wife. If he was so in arrears, he was not so entitled. The investigation of that account led to the determination by the Lodge that he *was* so in arrears more than one dollar, at the time of the death of his wife, and was consequently not entitled to the fifteen dollars. In this decision the brother acquiesced for three and a half years. Then, in January, 1858, being himself sick, and again in arrears, he made a payment and claimed benefits. This claim was met by the decision of this Grand Lodge, that such payment could not make him beneficial for that sickness. He then claimed that the Lodge was still indebted to him for the funeral benefit of his wife, and that until that indebtedness was discharged, he could not be in arrears.

The Lodge, willing to do the brother no wrong in the matter, ap-

pointed a special committee to examine the claim, who, after again investigating the account, reported that he was not beneficial at the time of the death of his wife—thus reiterating the decision made over three years before.

From that decision he appealed to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The appeal was, after some delay, referred by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to the Grand Officers, *with power to act*, which, under the practice in that jurisdiction without any special constitutional provision, vested the whole appellate power in the Board of Grand Officers, whose determination in cases thus referred to them was held to be final.

The Board of Grand Officers, in their report, intimate the opinion that the brother was beneficial at the time of the death of his wife, but determined the case in favor of the Lodge upon the ground that the appeal came too late.

The point assumed by them was that the report of the special committee and the action of the Lodge in January, 1858, was only a reiteration of the decision made three and a half years before, and that the appeal, if made at all, should have been made within three months from the first or original decision of the Lodge, in April, 1854; the laws of that jurisdiction requiring appeals to be made within three months from the date of the action appealed from.

In the meantime brother Woodburn had deceased, leaving another wife a widow, who in May, 1860, came into the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and in a long special appeal called upon the Grand Lodge to review and overrule the determination of its Grand Officers, and to require Conodoguinet Lodge to pay her the fifteen dollars funeral benefits of her husband's first wife, with sick benefits and funeral benefits claimed to be due her deceased husband, amounting in the aggregate to some $185.50.

Upon the presentation of this appeal, three several resolutions, directing these three several payments, were immediately passed, as Conodoguinet Lodge alleges, "under the pressure of the previous question at a time when many members were absent, not having returned from the mid-day recess, the hour of taking which had been extended upon the motion of the *Past Grand*, who was the author of the appeal, and the agent or attorney of the widow."

From this action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Conodoguinet Lodge appeals to this Grand Body.

Your committee are clearly of the opinion that the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in passing each of these resolutions, was wrong and ought to be reversed.

The third resolution, which directs the Lodge to pay Julia A. Woodburn the sum of $35, for funeral benefits on the death of her husband, we think ought to be reversed; because, in the opinion of your committee, the claim upon which it was based was premature and out of place in the special appeal referred to, because it does not appear that that claim was ever made upon, or rejected by, the Lodge, and could not therefore be the subject of appeal.

The first and second resolutions we think ought also to be reversed, because without stopping to inquire into and determine upon the power of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to review and overrule a decision made by its Grand Officers upon a matter referred to them by the Grand Lodge "*with power to act*," which, under the uniform practice in that jurisdiction may well be questioned; your committee are of the opinion that there is merit in the position assumed by the Grand Officers, that the claim made for funeral benefits for the first wife was barred by limitation, the appeal not having been prosecuted within three months from the first decision of the Lodge rejecting the claim.

The determination of the Lodge made in January, 1858, is precisely the same as that made in April, 1854, and was, as the Lodge claims, only a reiteration of the former decision, from which, if at all, the appeal should have been made; and not having been made within three months from that decision, the right of appeal was, under the law of the jurisdiction, gone.

In this opinion your committee concur. Your committee cannot recognize the right of a brother to sleep upon a claim which he may have, or suppose himself to have, for three and a half years, and deal with his Lodge all the time by payments made by him to his Lodge, as if no such claim existed, or was supposed to exist, as was the fact in this case, and then come in and revive the claim thus long before denied by his Lodge, and abandoned or ignored by himself—for if allowed after three years, it may be after ten or twenty years. Any such ruling as would establish this right would, in the opinion of the committee, practically nullify all provisions designed to limit controversy and unsettle all the business, and jeopardize the interests of every Subordinate Lodge and Encampment in the Order.

The committee respectfully submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania in the matter of the claim of Julia A. Woodburn against Conodoguinet Lodge, be reversed.

F. A. ELLIS,
GEO. W. MORRIS,
THO. STEERE,
J. H. HICKOK.

Rep. Underwood, of Indiana, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns having examined the report of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, beg leave to report the same correct.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIUS A. THOMAS,
THOS. UNDERWOOD,
JOHN H. WHEELER,
A. D. MEACHAM,
CHAS. HOAG

Rep. Davis, of Southern New York, laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution:

By Rep. Davies, of Southern New York, seconded by Reps. Burnham, of Maine, Krogman, of Massachusetts, and Lamberton, of Pennsylvania.

"1. This Grand Lodge shall meet biennially on the third Monday of September at 9 o'clock, A M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet on the calls of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District, Territorial and Colonial Grand Bodies, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above provided.

"2. During the time intervening between the biennial sessions there shall be a committee of the Grand Sire, the Deputy Grand Sire, the Grand Secretary, and the Committee on Appeals appointed at the last preceding session, to whom appeals and applications for charters may be made, or any other business referred not affecting the finances of the Grand Lodge, nor being of a legislative nature. Said committee shall hold semi-annual sessions, their action being always subject to confirmation or reversal by the Grand Lodge at its next session.

Amend article nine, section one, to read:

SECTION 1. Grand Representatives shall be chosen by the several State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments for the term of four years, and shall be divided into two classes, whose seats shall be vacated biennially, by rotation. And if vacancies occur by death, resignation, or otherwise, during the recess of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of any State, District, or Territory, such vacancies shall be filled in the manner pointed out by the Constitution of such State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment."

Amend articles nineteen and twenty-one, by striking out the word "annual" wherever it occurs.

Rep. Davies, of Southern New York, laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution:

By Rep. Davies, of Southern New York, seconded by Rep. Burnham, of Maine, and Rep. Sanders, of Northern New York.

Amend the Constitution of the Grand Lodge by striking out article seventeen, viz:

"The Officers and Grand Representatives (except such Officers as receive stated salaries) shall receive a compensation for their services to be fixed by law and paid out of the treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States."

Rep. Hanna, of Illinois, offered the following resolution, which was laid on the table:

Resolved, That the proper officers of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment may issue a visiting or withdrawal card to any member entitled to the same, upon proper application being made therefor, in writing, without a vote of such Lodge or Encampment—such action to be reported and said application to be filed at the next regular meeting of the Lodge or Encampment.

Rep. Sanders, of Northern New York, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward to the Representatives of this Grand Lodge, as soon as printed, the balance of the daily proceedings of this session of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

Rep. Hanna, of Illinois, offered the following, which was laid on the table:

WHEREAS, there is now no periodical devoted to the interests of Odd-Fellowship, published within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and whereas such an organ may become very promotive of, if it be not indispensible to the rigid, healthy and intelligent growth and prosperity of our Order, therefore

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed by the Grand Sire to prepare and report to the next regular session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, a plan for the establishment of a monthly magazine to be devoted to the interests of American Odd-Fellowship.

The business of the session having been concluded, the R. W. D. Grand Sire, presiding, called upon the R. W. Grand Chaplain, who addressed the Throne of Grace, whereupon, by order of the Chair, the R. W. D. Grand Sire, *p. t.*, proclaimed the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

LUCIUS A. THOMAS, *R. W. G. Sec'ry p. t.*

There was present during the session of the Grand Lodge, the following P. G. Sires:

Thomas Wildey, of Maryland, Grand Sire from 1825 to 1833.

John A. Kennedy, of New York, Grand Sire from 1841 to 1843.

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OF THE

R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

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R. W. Grand Treasurer JOSHUA VANSANT ..Baltimore, Maryland.
R. W. Grand Chaplain REV. E. M. P. WELLS.Boston, Massachusetts.
R. W. Grand Marshal E. D. FARNSWORTH..Nashville, Tennessee.
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R. W. Grand Messenger J. E. CHAMBERLAIN.Baltimore, Maryland.

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P. G. Barnum, E. M.....Salem, Oregon.
P. G. M. *Brown, A. J.*.....Washington, Dis. of Col
P. G. *Buckley, B.*.....Patterson, New Jersey.
P. G. M. *Bugbee, J. G*.....Edwardsburg, Michigan.
P. G. M. *Burnham, E. P*.....Saco, Maine.
P. G. Caldwell, R. A.....Salisbury, N. Carolina.
P. G. P. Carlton, J. W.....Cincinnati, Ohio.
P. G. M. *Cassedy, Geo. W*.....Jersey City, N. Jersey.

* Those in *italics* are members of the next Grand Lodge.

P. G. P. Clark, Wm. H. ..... Elizabeth City, N. C.
P. G. Conley, B. ..... Augusta, Georgia.
P. G. P. *Davies, J. J.* ..... New York City.
P. G. Sec. Davis, Wm. S. ..... Little Rock, Arkansas.
P. G. M. Dennis, B. W. ..... Byron, Michigan.
P. G. M. Dibble, Edgar C. ..... Batavia, New York.
P. C. P. Doe, Ira C. ..... Saco, Maine.
P. G. M. *Dolson, S. G.* ..... St. Catharines, Can. West.
P. G. *Ellis, F. A.* ..... Elkton, Maryland.
P. G. P. Escavaille, Joseph B. ..... Baltimore, Maryland.
P. D. G. Sire Fitzhugh, E. H. ..... Wheeling, Virginia.
P. G. M. Forbes, Isaiah ..... St. Louis, Missouri.
P. G. M. Froment, Theodore ..... New York City.
P. G. *Fuller, John A.* ..... Halifax, Nova Scotia.
P. G. M. *Gilmore, Dexter* ..... Utica, New York.
P. G. M. Griswold, H. W. ..... Freeport, Illinois.
P. G. *Gunnison, A. J.* ..... ———, California.
P. G. *Hall, Alexander N.* ..... Milford, Delaware.
P. G. M. *Hanna, B. J. F.* ..... Chester, Illinois.
P. G. P. Harris, S. H. ..... New Haven, Connecticut.
P. G. P. Harvey, Jonathan S. ..... Jeffersonville, Indiana.
P. G. P. *Herr, Henry S.* ..... Bloomington, Illinois.
P. G. *Hickox, J. H.* ..... Forest City, California.
P. G. M. *Hills, L. B.* ..... Waupun, Wisconsin.
P. G. *Hoag, Charles* ..... Minneapolis, Minnesota.
P. G. M. Hughes, Thomas ..... Iowa City, Iowa.
P. G. P. Iglehart, N. P. ..... Chicago, Illinois.
P. G. M. *Jones, John W.* ..... Des Moines, Iowa.
P. G. M. Krogman, S. B. ..... Boston, Massachusetts.
P. G. M. Lamb, Joseph L. ..... Pemberton, New Jersey.
P. G. M. Lamberton, R. A. ..... Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.
P. G. Magee, P., Jr. ..... Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. *Marley, Richard* ..... Baltimore, Maryland.
P. G. P. *McCarty, Thomas B.* ..... Wabash, Indiana.
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P. G. Meacham, A. D. ..... Yreka, California.
P. G. Meriam, B. S. ..... Keokuk, Iowa.
P. G. M. Milton, John L. ..... Grenada, Mississippi.
P. G. P. Mitchell, Edward ..... Charleston, S. Carolina.
P. G. M. Morris, G. W. ..... Louisville, Kentucky.
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P. G. M. *Pinckney, Charles C.* ..... New York City.
P. G. Pond, Philip ..... New Haven, Connecticut.
P. G. P. *Porter, Thomas C.* ..... Boston, Massachusetts.
P. G. Richardson, Joseph. ..... Wilmington, Delaware.
P. G. Richardson, S. ..... Dyersville, Tennessee.
P. D. G. M. Roberts, G. B. ..... Laporte, Indiana.

P. G. M. Robinson, Israel.....Martinsburg, Virginia.
P. G. Rogers, Edgar.....Westmoreland, Kansas.
P. G. P. *Rowell, John H.*.....Franklin, N. Hampshire.
P. G. M. *Sanders, James P.*.....Yonkers, New York.
P. G. *Sawyer, Franklin*.....———, Ohio.
P. G. M. Shinkle, Amos.....Covington, Kentucky.
P. G. *Sims, Joseph*.....St. Louis, Missouri.
P. G. M. Smart, Joseph B.....Concord, N. Hampshire.
P. G. P. *Sprague, Jonathan*.....Ann Arbor, Michigan.
P. G. *Steere, Thomas*.....Woonsocket, R. Island.
P. G. M. Stetson, H. G.....New Orleans, Louisiana.
P. G. M. *Stokes, John W.*.....Philadelphia, Pennsylv'a.
P. G. M. Stuart, Fred. D.....Washington, Dis. of Col
P. G. M. *Thayer, William*.....Charleston, S. Carolina.
G. Sec. *Thomas, L. A.*.....New Haven, Connecticut.
P. G M. *Underwood, Thomas*.....Lafayette, Indiana.
P. G. *Weeks, George W.*.....Manchester, N. Hamsh're.
P. G. *Wheeler, John H.*.....Columbus, Ohio.
P. G. M. Wilson, H. O.....Milwaukie, Wisconsin.
P. G. Winchell, George D.....Cincinnati, Ohio.
P. G. M. Wood, Wm. S.....———, South Carolina.
P. G. M. Young, Wm. H.....Baltimore, Maryland.

D. D. GRAND SIRES FOR THE YEAR 1862.

Vermont—P. G. Calvin Dart.....Bennington.
Arkansas—P. G. James A. Henry.....Little Rock.
Lower Provinces—P. G. E. G. Fuller....Halifax, Nova Scotia.
Oregon—P. G. M. E. M. Barnum.....Salem.
Florida—P. G. Asa B. Clark.....Tallahassee.
Kansas Territory—P. G. J. C. Hemingray.Leavenworth.
Minnesota—P. G. Orson J. Noble.....St. Paul.
Delaware—P. G. M. Henry Eckel.....Wilmington.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

Thomas Wildey*.....Baltimore, Maryland.
James Gettys†.....Georgetown, D. C.
George Keyser‡.....Baltimore, Maryland.
Samuel H. Perkins.....Philadelphia, Pa.
Zenas B. Glazier§.....Wilmington, Delaware.
John A. Kennedy.....New York, New York.

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* Died October 19, 1861.
† Died August, 15, 1844.
‡ Died September 19, 1837
§ Died November 11, 1853.

Howell Hopkins*	Philadelphia, Pa.
Thomas Sherlock	Cincinnati, Ohio.
Horn R. Kneas	Philadelphia, Pa.
Robert H Griffin†	Savannah, Georgia.
William W. Moore	Washington, D. C.
Wilmot G. DeSaussure	Charleston, S. Carolina.
William Ellison	Boston, Massachusetts.
George W. Race	New Orleans, La.
Samuel Craighead	Dayton, Ohio.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND SIRES.

John P. Entwisle	Baltimore, Maryland.
John Welch	Baltimore, Maryland.
Thomas Scotchburn	Baltimore, Maryland.
Robert Neilson	Baltimore, Maryland.
John Pearce	Philadelphia, Pa.
Frederick Leise	New York City, N. Y.
William W. Moore	Washington, D. C.
Horn R. Kneass	Philadelphia, Pa.
William S. Stewart	St. Louis, Missouri.
Albert Case	Charleston, S. Carolina.
Newell A. Thompson	Boston, Massachusetts.
Asher S. Kellogg	Detroit, Michigan.
Herman L. Page	Milwaukie, Wisconsin.
Horace A. Manchester	Providence, R. Island.
George W. Race	New Orleans, Louisiana.
Timothy G. Senter	Portsmouth, N. H.
Edward H. Fitzhugh	Wheeling, Virginia.

* Died July, 1858. † Died December 14, 1855.

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, AND TRUTH.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

Grand Lodge of the United States,

Held in the City of Baltimore, September, 1862.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1862—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication, when, upon a call of the roll, the following members were found present:

OFFICERS:

MILTON HERNDON.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, presiding.
JAMES L. RIDGELY .....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. E. M. P. WELLS.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
SOLOMON H. LEWYT .....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN...R. W. Grand Messenger.

And Representatives from eleven Grand Lodges and eleven Grand Encampments, as follows:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. F. A. Ellis.....Maryland.
P. G. M. N. Adams.....Massachusetts.
P. G. M. Charles C. Pinckney.....Southern New York.
P. G. M. James B. Nicholson.....Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. James A. Brown.....District of Columbia.
P. G. Benjamin Buckley.....New Jersey.
P. G. M. B. J. F. Hanna.....Illinois.
P. G. M. E. P. Burnham.....Maine.
P. G. M. J. G. Bugbee.....Michigan.
P. G. M. James P. Sanders.....Northern New York.
P. G. John A. Fuller.....Lower Provinces.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. G. P. Richard Marley.....Maryland.
P. G. M. John W. Stokes.....Pennsylvania.
P. C. P. John J. Davies.....Southern New York.
P. G. M. Geo. W. Cassedy.....New Jersey.
P. G. P. Thomas C. Porter.....Massachusetts.
P. G. P. John H. Rowell.....New Hampshire.
P. C. P. James Sims.....Missouri.
P. G. P. Thomas B. McCarty.....Indiana.
P. G. P. Jonathan Sprague.....Michigan.
P. G. M. Dexter Gilmore.....Northern New York.
P. G. P. Henry S. Herr.....Illinois.

No quorum being present, the Chair announced the appointment of the following Committee on Credentials, by authority of the thirteenth article of the Constitution, section one:

Committee on Credentials.—Reps. Fuller, of Lower Provinces; Marley, of Maryland; Herr, of Illinois; Hanna, of Illinois; Sims, of Missouri.

Rep. Fuller, of Lower Provinces, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was, on motion of Rep. Young, of Maryland, adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Credentials find the following brethren duly accredited as Representatives to this R. W. Grand Lodge:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

P. G. Wm. L. Boydston.....Nebraska.
P. G. M. Elisha Clark.....Maine.
P. G. M. C. C. Archer.....Missouri.
P. G. P. James Terwilliger.....Northern New York.

P. G. M. Erie J. Leech ..... Iowa.
P G. M. H. Armington..... Rhode Island.
P. G. M. Cornelius A. Logan ..... Kansas.
P. G. M. R. A. Lamberton ..... Pennsylvania.
P. G. M. A. J. Gunnison..... California.
P. G. M. Wm. Chidsey..... Ohio.
P. G. M. I. M. Veitch..... Missouri.
P. G. M. J. Griswold..... Illinois.
P. G. M. Samuel L. Adams..... Kentucky.
P. G. Benjamin Buckley..... New Jersey.
P. G. Wm. B. Hyland..... Delaware.
G. Sec. Wm. White..... Kentucky.
G. Sec. E. H. Barry..... Indiana.
P. G. M. D. H. Wright..... Wisconsin.
P. G. Nathan Pereles ..... Wisconsin.
P. G. M. S. B. Krogman..... Massachusetts.
P. G. M. F. D. Stuart..... District of Columbia.
P. G. M. George Smith..... Southern New York.
P. G. M. B. W. Dennis ..... Michigan.
P. G. M. Joseph Kidder..... New Hampshire.
P. G. M. S. H. Harris..... Connecticut.
P. G. M. Thomas C. Hollis..... Connecticut.
P. G. J. T. Allison..... Indiana.
P. G. H. A. Conningham ..... Oregon.
P. G. C. C. Hayden..... California.
P. G. James Young ..... Maryland.
P. G. M. Edwin C. Stone..... New Hampshire.

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

P. G. Ira C. Doe..... Maine.
P. C. P. T. C. Osborn..... California.
P. G. John T. Sanders..... Indiana.
P. G. P. M. B. Scott ..... Connecticut.
P. G. M. H. O. Wilson..... Wisconsin.
P. G. Stephen Randall..... Rhode Island.
P. G. Wm. H. Hopkins..... Pennsylvania
G. Sec. Wm. Garrett..... Iowa.
P. G. John W. Carlton..... Ohio
P. G. P. C. G. Cady..... Kentucky
P. G. P. Jos. B. Escavaille..... Maryland.

Your committee find that P. G. M. Joseph L. Lamb is present from New Jersey. He claims to have been appointed by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey to fill a vacancy; that he left his certificate of appointment at home, supposing a duplicate had been forwarded to your R. W. Grand Secretary. Your committee submit the following resolution, and recommend its adoption:

Resolved, That P. G. M. Joseph L. Lamb be admitted to a seat in this R. W. Grand Lodge as a Representative from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. FULLER,
RICHARD MARLEY,
H. S. HERR,
J. SIMS,
B. J. F. HANNA.

A quorum being now present, Rev. Bro. E. M. P. Wells, R. W. Grand Chaplain, addressed the Supreme Ruler of the Universe in prayer.

The Chair, with the sanction of the Grand Lodge, appointed P. G. Master B. W. Dennis, of Michigan, R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*, and Past Grand Master W. H. H. Prall, of Northern New York, as R. W. Grand Marshal, *p. t.*

The Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives, and declared them duly qualified, whereupon, by order of the Chair, he proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On motion of Rep. Sanders, of Northern New York, the reading of the Journal of the last session was dispensed with, and it was approved as printed.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire presiding, submitted his annual report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

REPRESENTATIVES: One year ago, when you met to legislate for the good of our Order, the duties of your presiding officer devolved upon me. The same circumstances that surrounded us at that time still exist, and it becomes my duty again to preside over your deliberations.

On entering upon the responsible duties entrusted to us, our first obligation and heartfelt gratitude are due to that God whom we all worship, and from whom cometh every good and perfect gift. Although our beloved country has been distracted by fratricidal strife, and the blood-red cloud of war still darkens our horizon, yet, as an Order, we have been signally favored in the last year throughout the jurisdictions from which reports have been received. Absorbing as have been the troubles in the land, our brotherhood have not been unmindful of the leading office in our affiliation—our sick have been visited, the distressed relieved, orphans educated, and our dead buried; and there has been no abatement in the efforts of past years to propagate a knowledge and inspire the practice of the more intrinsic virtues of our beloved Order. Besides the special favors bestowed upon our peculiar labors, as a people we have been blessed with general health, and an abundant harvest has rewarded the toil of the husbandman, which alike demand and should receive the acknowledgment of our hearts.

Of the unhappy condition of our beloved country it will not be considered expedient that I speak in this report; but I may be permitted to express the hope that the gentle influences of peace will soon be

vouchsafed us, and the period of which prophets have spoken and poets have sung is not far distant, when "the God of Jacob shall judge among the people and rebuke strong nations; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Although the past has been a year of general health, yet the Angel of death has been busy in our ranks, and some of our best and brightest spirits have been called from their labors on earth to their reward in heaven. Some have been gathered, full of years and of honors, and some have been stricken down in the pride and strength of manhood, in the deplorable internal strife now raging.

Of the death of our first Grand Sire, Thomas Wildey, you have been already apprized. On the 19th day of October, 1861, in the eighty-second year of his age, he yielded his spirit to the God who gave it. Though the event was expected and looked for at any moment, from the weight of years pressing upon him, yet the announcement that he had gone from among us filled the hearts of the thousands who had justly called him father with more than ordinary grief. The convocations of our brotherhood, called throughout our entire jurisdiction, on the receipt of the intelligence of his death—the eulogies pronounced—the resolutions adopted—all tell significantly and impressively how sincerely and highly his services to our Order were appreciated, and speak the homage that all hearts are ready to pay to the memory of so distinguished a benefactor.

An inspired penman tells us that "God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty." How strikingly is this truth exemplified in the origin and success of our Order on this continent! Who, when they remember its small beginning on the 26th day of April, 1819—the result of the energy, perseverance, and devotion of Thomas Wildey—could have anticipated such vast results? That the one Lodge then founded by him, composed of but five members, should be the nucleus around which should gather four thousand Lodges and two hundred thousand members in the lifetime of its founder! That from such a beginning, in a comparatively new world, struggling with all the difficulties and privations incident thereto, our Order should have so prospered and been rendered so efficient for good, that in the latter year of its existence it would expend annually three hundred thousand dollars for the relief of its members—seventy thousand dollars for the relief of widowed families—one hundred thousand dollars for the education of orphans—and sixty thousand dollars for burying its dead—with a reserve fund, for continued usefulness, of more than one million dollars! Who can estimate the good, to the world at large, resulting from the dissemination and practice of the characteristic principles upon which Odd-Fellowship is based, and on which it has so long securely rested? "By their fruits shall ye know them"—and the noble deeds of our Wildey bespeak the greatness of his mind, the goodness of his heart, and the usefulness of his life. His

name, and a remembrance of his deeds, will live while Friendship, Love, and Truth endure. It is for me but to announce his death. It is for you to prepare a more deserving tribute to his memory.

I have been informed, through the kindness of our R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, of the death of Past Grand Sire Horn R. Kneass. He was elected the eighth Deputy Grand Sire at the annual communication in 1840; and in 1846 was chosen, over several eminent competitors, the ninth Grand Sire of our Order. As he was among the oldest and most distinguished of the members of this R. W. Grand Lodge, his compeers in this body who survive him, of whom there are but few, and those who are acquainted, through our Journals, with his efficient labors and eminent counsels, which tended so greatly to the success and elevation of our Order, will no doubt adopt suitable measures to commemorate his services.

I have been informed of the demise, since your last communication, of a number of distinguished Past Grand Representatives. These melancholy dispensations of Divine Providence will be officially announced to you, during the session, by the Representatives of the jurisdictions to which the lamented deceased belonged.

To the memory of the Past Grand Sires whose deaths I have announced the R. W. Grand Lodge will pay a more extensive and deserving tribute of respect. The decease of the others will be recorded, in a fitting manner, upon the obituary tablet provided in our Journal, in accordance with the resolutions passed at your communication of 1860.

DECISIONS.

During the vacation of this R. W. Grand Lodge I have been called upon but seldom for decisions or official opinions. Some difficulty has arisen in the jurisdiction of Illinois in regard to the subject of taxation; but I trust the matter will be amicably adjusted by this Grand Lodge. As the case has been appealed for final adjudication, I shall not enter into the particulars of it, but confine myself to my action in the premises.

The following questions, growing out of this difficulty, were propounded to me by the R. W. Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of Illinois:

Question 1.—Have the Grand Encampment officers the right to investigate, pronounce upon, and decide against the legality of the act of suspension of Marquette Lodge, No. 36, by the Grand Master, or must they accept and recognise it unquestioned?

Answer.—The functions of the Grand Master and Grand Patriarch are separate and distinct, not co-ordinate, and the good standing of a Lodge, and of its members therein, are absolutely essential to maintain like good standing in an Encampment.

Question 2.—Could the Grand Scribe recognise as a legal D. D. Grand Patriarch a person known to him as a member of the suspended Marquette Lodge, No. 36, and send him the check P. W.?

Answer.—My first impressions were that the Grand Scribe should

not recognise members of a suspended Subordinate Lodge as legal officials of an Encampment, and so answered him; but, after examining the law on the subject, I find the Grand Scribe only the agent or clerk of the Grand Patriarch, and therefore bound to obey his official behests where they do not confiict with the prescribed and legitimate duties of the Grand Scribe. The Grand Patriarch is amenable for any wrong he may commit to his Grand Encampment, and it is not the province of the Grand Scribe to traverse the action of the Grand Patriarch.

Question 3.—Can the Grand Patriarch and Grand Scribe recognise the so called installation in Allen Encampment, No. 4, as a legal one, and recognise the persons so installed as the present officers of the Encampment?

Answer.—The Grand Patriarch, whose province it is to appoint D. D. Grand Patriarchs to install the officers of a Subordinate, is responsible to the Grand Encampment if he tolerates or recognises as right an illegal act of his deputy or of a Subordinate. The Grand Scribe must recognise as legal all officers of Subordinates officially reported to him, until all doubts about the matter shall have been settled by the Grand Encampment. The Grand Scribe has no judicial power in the matter.

Question 4.—Can the Grand Scribe recognise as legal members of Allen Encampment, No. 4, the persons reported to him as such, whom he knows to be members of the suspended Marquette Lodge, No. 36, and count and report them in his report from the Grand Encampment to the Grand Lodge of the United States?

Answer.—My sober second thought is, that the Grand Scribe is bound to recognise as legal members all officially reported to him by Subordinates. The corrective does not lie with the Grand Scribe.—The reports of Subordinates are examined by the Grand Encampment, which alone has the power to determine upon the legality of the members reported.

On the 2d of August, 1862, the Grand Patriarch of Illinois addressed me the following interrogatories pertaining to the same difficulty:

Question 1.—Has the Grand Master of a Grand Lodge, or the Grand Patriarch of a Grand Encampment, power to suspend a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment for a failure to fully comply with the pecuniary requirements of its Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment?

Answer.—The Grand Master or Grand Patriarch has the power to *suspend* a Subordinate for any act of insubordination. They have the supervision of their respective Subordinates during vacation, and are amenable to their respective Grand Bodies for the exercise of their authority. Said suspension, however, is but temporary, until the meeting of the Grand Body, which must try the case, as the Grand Lodge of the United States has decided that for a Grand Body to deprive a Subordinate of its charter without a trial is certainly an act of injustice and contrary to the spirit and usages of the Order.—(*See page* 2959 *Journal*, 1858.) The right of a Grand Body to raise revenue for its legitimate purposes, by assessment on its Subordinates, has been recog-

nised and enforced by the Grand Lodge of the United States.—*See page* 2925 *Journal*, 1858.

Question 2.—Can a Grand Master or Grand Patriarch inflict upon a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment any penalty for disobedience of his orders or the laws of their respective Grand Bodies, other than such penalties as are prescribed by the Constitution, By-Laws, or special resolutions of their respective Grand Bodies, where such laws or resolutions exist?

Answer.—In its general application I would answer this question in the negative, but restricted to the right of a Grand Master to suspend a Subordinate in the interval of the sessions of his Grand Lodge, I must reply, that charters are granted to Subordinates on condition that they "act in obedience to the laws and in subordination to the Grand Body." Of this the Grand Master or Grand Patriarch has the right to judge in the intervals of the meetings of the Grand Body, and may arrest or suspend, temporarily, the rights and privileges under the charter; but the infliction of the penalty—the ultimate and permanent deprivation of the Subordinate of the charter securing these rights, privileges, and immunities—lies with the Grand Body after due trial.

Question 3.—Were my instructions to install the officers of Allen Encampment, No. 4, correct, possessing no official knowledge of any *disablement* of said Encampment at the time the order was made?

Answer.—No exception can be taken to the Grand Patriarch's instructions to his D. D. Grand Patriarch to install the officers of Allen Encampment, No. 4, in the absence of official knowledge of any disablement at the time the order was made.

There were many other questions on the subject of this difficulty referred to me, which I answered as I understood the law; but, as the whole matter will be presented in the form of an appeal, I deem it unnecessary to give them in this report.

The above interrogatories are so framed as seemingly to have a general application; but, knowing they were predicated on a local difficulty, I thought it most advisable to make my answers with direct reference thereto.

The following question has been asked from the jurisdiction of Illinois:

How is a brother, leaving his State per force, on account of the present difficulties, without being able to procure his card, to obtain admission into another Lodge?

Answer.—It has been decided "that persons claiming to have been members of the Order, but who are unable to establish satisfactorily their claims, can only be re-admitted by initiation—setting forth in their petition for membership that they have never been suspended or expelled from any Lodge, and that they are unable to obtain evidence of their former connection with the Order."—(*p.* 1921, 1956, *Journal*, 1852.)

From the frequent occurrence of these cases in these disordered times, I have thought it advisable to repeat the decision in this report,

that it might be brought to the notice of the Subordinates generally for their guidance, through the reports of the Representatives to their Grand Bodies.

The following interrogatories have been propounded to me by the M. W. Grand Master of the jurisdiction of Delaware:

Question 1.—Has a Grand Master a right to interfere when a Lodge is going contrary to the law of the Grand Lodge of the United States? If so, to what extent?

Answer.—A Grand Master has entire supervision of his Subordinate during vacation, and the right to interfere on all violations of law; and in case of persistent disobedience, may suspend the privileges of the refractory Lodge until the case is tried and determined by the Grand Lodge.

Question 2.—Does an appeal taken from a Subordinate Lodge to the Grand Lodge upon an incidental question suspend further action of the Subordinate upon that case during the pendency of the appeal?

Answer.—No appeal to the Grand Lodge lies upon the decision of incidental questions during a trial; they may form exceptions, and be the basis of an appeal—but an appeal to the Grand Lodge can only be taken after the decision of the entire case by the Lodge, which is binding until reversed by the Grand Lodge.

Question 3.—Has a Grand Master a right to give a decision on the law, upon any subject, by the request of the Secretary of a Lodge without the Lodge having directed him so to do?

Answer.—The mode of reaching a Grand Master to obtain a decision is a matter for local legislation, and is generally on an appeal from the decision of a D. D. Grand Master.

Question 4.—Are not Subordinate Lodges bound to be governed by the General Laws of the Order, when they know them, rather than their own Constitution and By-Laws?

Answer.—When the Constitution and By-Laws of a Subordinate conflict with the laws and decisions of the State Grand Lodge or of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the laws of the latter bodies must be conformed to.

AUSTRALIA.

On the 29th of March, 1862, at the suggestion of our R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and in accordance with my convictions of his eminent qualifications for the duties of so important a mission, I forwarded a blank commission to Bro. T. Rogers Johnson, former Representative and present Grand Secretary of the jurisdiction of California, to proceed or send a suitable brother to Australia and ascertain the actual condition of the Order there; and, if found favorable, invested him with full authority to institute the Order in that far-off land, as an independent jurisdiction, subject only to the limitations and conditions heretofore required in the establishment of the Grand Lodge of British North America—such being the tenor of the instructions in the resolution adopted at your session of 1859. For all the

particulars relating to this important event, I refer you to the report of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

How cheering, amid the gloom that surrounds us—from the commotion in our own land, which now retards our progress and circumscribes our field of labor at home—to be able to herald to the world that Odd-Fellowship, as it exists among us, is so highly appreciated and so ardently desired that the inhabitants of this remote isle of the sea are seeking, and will, in all probability, soon be placed in affiliation and fellowship with the Grand Lodge of the United States! How gratifying to learn that our admirable system of social architecture—recognising in the men of every nation, party, sect and creed the members of a common humanity, and brethren of the same great family—our charitable purposes, to lighten the burden of the unavoidable calamities that fall upon its members, to relieve them in time of distress, and protect the widow and educate and sustain the orphan—and our tried and approved system for the payments of benefits to the sick, and funeral benefits at death—and our ennobling moral precepts—have been preferred and are about to be embraced and practised by the seven Lodges and nearly three hundred members who have already enrolled themselves under the banner of Odd-Fellowship in that far-off land! Let this partiality and decided preference for our ennobling tenets, and for our peculiar philanthropy over other branches of our Order, determine us to labor on for their dissemination, and to transmit them, in all their effectiveness, to coming generations, until the period shall be ushered in when the law of universal brotherhood shall bind all nations, tongues, and kindreds of the earth.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The jurisdiction of this R. W. Grand Body over the Subordinate Lodges within the Territory of Washington has been formally surrendered to the Grand Lodge of Oregon; and the Grand Lodge of California officially informed that the Territory of Nevada has been attached to the jurisdiction of that R. W. Grand Body, in accordance with the resolutions adopted at your last session.

The jurisdictions of Vermont and Kansas having no representatives at the last communication of this R. W. Grand Lodge, the A. T. P. W. was, in due time, communicated to those Grand Bodies.

The report of the R. W. Grand Treasurer will acquaint you, in detail, with the condition of our finances. Through the kindness and prompt attention of that officer, I have been furnished with a summary of his report. It will be gratifying to learn that the receipts have not only met all appropriations and outstanding indebtedness, but will be sufficient to defray the expenses of this communication.

The legislation at your last session shows that you are fully aware of the importance of preserving your finances from embarrassment in these times of monetary, as well as civil, commotion.

My official relations and social intercourse with the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary have been a source of great

pleasure—his prompt attention to my frequent requisitions for information, his invaluable counsels and uniform kindness, have placed me under such great and lasting obligations that I am constrained to acknowledge them in this report.

Representatives, with the close of this communication my official connexion with this R. W. Grand Lodge ceases. The authority which so unexpectedly devolved upon me, by reason of events so greatly to be deplored, will soon, by your suffrages, devolve upon another. Better qualified for the responsible and important duties of the office I am conscious he will be; but I cannot admit that he will bring to the discharge of his duties a greater solicitude for the maintenance of the unity of our beloved Order—for its preservation, prosperity, and progress in the achievement of its high and holy mission—than I have felt, amid the deepening gloom which envelops us, and which has actuated all my official acts. I trust you will receive the sincere utterance of a grateful heart for the many instances of kindness and confidence bestowed upon me. For your forbearance towards my conscious failings, for your uniform courtesy, and strong manifestations of fraternal feeling I tender you my sincere, ardent thanks. A remembrance of these will abide with me until the care-worn man shall have bowed him down before his God. I trust your deliberations will be guided by the wisdom that is from above, which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits.

M. HERNDON, *Grand Sire, acting.*

The report of the acting Grand Sire having been read—

On motion of Rep. Burnham, of Maine, it was referred to a committee of three, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein reported to the appropriate committees.

The Chair named Reps. Burnham, of Maine; Barry, of Indiana, and Bugbee, of Michigan, as the committee.

On motion of Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, it was resolved that a special committee of three be appointed to draw for seats to be occupied by the respective Representatives of the jurisdictions subordinate to this Grand Lodge, after the manner heretofore adopted and pursued.

The Chair named Reps. Sprague, of Michigan; Escavaille, of Maryland, and Stokes, of Pennsylvania, as the committee.

Rep. Sprague, of Michigan, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was adopted, and the Representatives were seated in conformity thereto:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee appointed by this R. W. Grand Body to draw for seats to be occupied by the respective jurisdictions during the present session, have performed their duty, with the following result:

Massachusetts 1, 2, 3
New Jersey 4, 5, 6
Missouri.....7, 8, 9
British Lower Provinces.....10
Ohio.....11, 12, 13, 14
Southern New York.....15, 16, 17
Illinois.....18, 19, 20, 21
California 22, 23, 24
Vermont.....25
Connecticut.....26, 27, 28
Maryland.....29, 30, 31, 32
District of Columbia.....33, 34, 35
Delaware 36, 37
Northern New York.....38, 39, 40
Kansas 41
New Hampshire.....42, 43, 44
Pennsylvania 45, 46, 47, 48
Tennessee 49, 50
Nebraska.....51
Canada West.....52
Oregon.....53
Rhode Island 54, 55
Indiana.....56, 57, 58, 59
Michigan 60, 61, 62
Kentucky 63, 64, 65
Minnesota 66
Maine 67, 68, 69
Iowa.....70, 71, 72
Wisconsin 73, 74, 75
Virginia.....76, 77, 78, 79
North Carolina 80, 81, 82
South Corolina 83, 84, 85
Mississippi 86, 87, 88
Texas..... ...89, 90, 91
Florida.....92
Arkansas 93
Alabama 94, 95, 96
Georgia.....97, 98, 99
Louisiana.....100, 101, 102

JONATHAN SPRAGUE,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
J. W. STOKES.

On motion of Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the members of the Order who have attained the proper rank may be admitted within the Lodge, when vouched for and introduced to the Grand Guardian by the Representatives respectively from the State jurisdictions to which the visiters may be attached.

On motion of Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the time for the sessions of the Grand Lodge will be, to meet at 9 o'clock A. M., take a recess for thirty minutes at 12 o'clock M., and adjourn at 3½ o'clock P. M., until further ordered.

The Chair presented the following communication, which was read:

GRAND LODGE OF MARYLAND, I. O. O. F.
Baltimore, Sept. 15, 1862.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.:

In accordance with a resolution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, a Eulogy upon the character and services of the late P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey will be pronounced in this city on the morning of Tuesday, the 16th inst., at 10 o'clock precisely.

P. G. Master James L. Ridgely, of Maryland, has been elected to perform the service indicated, and the officers and representatives of your R. W. Grand Body, as well as the past officers and past representatives, are respectfully invited to be present on the occasion.

Fraternally yours,

JOSHUA VANSANT,
Chairman of Committee on Invitation.

On motion of Rep. Hanna, of Illinois, it was resolved that the invitation tendered be accepted.

Rep. Burnham, of Maine, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the diagrams and secret work be placed in the hands of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire during the session, for the inspection of the members.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause to be printed five hundred copies of the daily Journal for the use of the Grand Representatives at the present session, and that ten copies of the revised Journal be printed and furnished each member, after the adjournment, for distribution.

Rep. Hanna, of Illinois, moved to amend by striking out "five hundred," and inserting "one thousand," which was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Burnham, of Maine, moved further to amend, by striking out the word "ten," and inserting the word "twenty," which was resolved in the negative.

On motion of Rep. Boydston, of Kansas, to reconsider the vote just taken, adopting the amendment of Rep. Hanna, of Illinois, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being again on the amendment of Rep. Hanna, of Illinois, it was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, it was adopted.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, presented the following communication of John W. Orr, of New Jersey, which, on his motion, was referred to the Legislative Committee:

OFFICE OF THE AMERICAN ODD FELLOW,
No. 75 Nassau-st., New York.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The proposition of the undersigned respectfully and fraternally showeth, that having, in the month of January, 1862, commenced the regular publication of a monthly periodical, entitled the American Odd Fellow, devoted to disseminating a knowledge of the sentiments, principles, operations, and condition of American Odd Fellows, and this publication being the principal if not the only Odd Fellows' Magazine which at present exists in America, the publisher, in the belief that the interest of the Grand Lodge of the United States as well as the interest of this Magazine would be subserved by your R. W. Body adopting it as a regular official medium of communication between its officers and the brethren throughout its jurisdiction, hereby respectfully tenders such number of pages of "The American Odd Fellow" to the Grand Lodge of the United States as its officers may require for such purpose.

Should your Right Worthy Body be pleased to accept this proposition, the pages of "The American Odd Fellow" will be at your service immediately, and thus remain so long as it may be published by

Respectfully and fraternally,

J. W. ORR.

Rep. Hanna, of Illinois, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Leech, of Iowa, presented a communication from the Grand

Encampment of Iowa, on the subject of finance, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. Hayden, of California, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of California, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Representatives from this Grand Body to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to request of the Grand Lodge of the United States a modification of the resolutions prohibiting the officers of Grand and Subordinate Lodges from signing diplomas, certificates, or cards to members, passed in 1859, so as to permit this Grand Lodge to issue diplomas to the members of this Grand Body, and to officers of Subordinate Lodges, as a reward of merit, as recommended by the Committee of Finance in their report to this Grand Lodge at the present session.

Rep. Hayden, of California, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of California, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Representatives of this R. W. Grand Lodge be instructed to represent to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States that great hardships are frequently experienced by brethren of the Order from an apprehension that it has been decided as a matter of law, by the highest tribunal of our Order, that it is an offence against our laws for a person to be initiated into our Order under a name which is not his original name, although he may have borne it for years, and may have assumed it for no fraudulent or capricious purpose.

Also, that they further represent to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States that cases are constantly occurring, as they have already repeatedly occurred during the whole of the present century, where foreigners immigrating to the United States have felt themselves compelled by considerations of convenience, and even of decency, to assume new names, by which they have thereafter been known, and under which they have been initiated into the Order, and yet that it sometimes happens that it becomes desirable, from pecuniary or other valuable considerations, that brethren so situated should resume their original names.

And that, in view of the preceding considerations, the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be respectfully requested to provide, by suitable legislation, for the relief of brothers so situated, who have not been guilty of actual fraud in assuming new names, or in being initiated into the Order under such names.

Rep. Hayden, of California, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of California, which on his motion was referred to such select committee as may be appointed on the subject therein referred to:

WHEREAS it has been announced to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of California, of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, that on the 19th day of October, 1861, the Great Father and Founder of Odd-Fellowship in America, THOMAS WILDEY, full of years and of honors, with the regrets and tears of our whole Brotherhood, departed this mortal life, and has passed to that state of everlasting bliss reserved for those whose good deeds shall make their names blessed in this as well as that eternal life designed for all those whose deeds of charity and love in this world entitle them to a seat at the right hand of Him who created the Universe:

And whereas it is proper and right that all Odd-Fellows' Lodges, Encampments, Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and all other Associations of Odd-Fellows, should do what lies in their power to perpetuate the name of one who was our common Father:

And whereas many of the Lodges in this jurisdiction, and the Odd-Fellows of California now in the First Regiment of Cavalry Volunteers in the Army of the United States, have taken action upon this solemn event:

Be it resolved by this Grand Lodge, That in the death of Past Grand Sire Thomas Wildey we recognise the great loss the whole Order has sustained, and that we deeply sympathize with the relatives, friends, and brothers of our deceased founder in the great loss they have sustained by his death.

Resolved, That though we are here on the Pacific, thousands of miles away from the scenes of the early labors of our deceased founder, and from his last resting place in the Monumental City, we are willing and desire to contribute our full share to the erection of a monument suitable to his name and fame.

Resolved, That our Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be and are hereby instructed to advocate in that august body such measures as are calculated to carry out the spirit of these resolutions.

Resolved, That, in testimony of respect for the memory of our deceased founder, we wear the usual badge of mourning for ninety days.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the Subordinate Lodge of which Father Wildey was a member, to each Grand Lodge in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Boydston, of Nebraska, presented the petition of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska on the subject of finance, which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Rep. Bugbee, of Michigan, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That our Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to bring to the notice of that Grand Lodge the apparent conflict between the report of the Committee on the State of the Order at their last session (see page 3350) and section 4, article 16 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge United States.

Rep. Sanders, of Northern New York, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Northern New York, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge be requested to bring before the Grand Lodge of the United States the subject of inquiring into the expediency of allowing candidates of eighteen years and upwards to be initiated into the Order.

Rep. Pinckney, of Southern New York, presented the following proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, which were referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the basis upon which the benefit system of the Order was constituted was never intended to include incurring liabilities of such magnitude as will be the certain result of the contest in which the country is now engaged.

Resolved, That as the law now stands, under the decisions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, this Grand Lodge or its subordinates have no power to make discrimination in the rates of dues to be paid by members nor in the benefits to be awarded them.

Resolved, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge in the Grand Lodge of the United States be and hereby are instructed to vote for and use their influence to obtain the passage in that body of a resolution declaratory of the principle that Subordinate Lodges are not bound for any liabilities to their members incurred through their connexion with the military movements of the country, funeral benefits alone excepted.

Rep. Nicholson, from the Committee on "Revision," stated that Rep. Dwinelle was unable to be present at this session, and that the presence of Rep. Stuart was doubtful, as he was engaged in the naval service of the United States. The revision of the Initiatory Work which had been entrusted to Rep. Nicholson was, however, completed, and he desired to report the same to the Grand Lodge. He therefore moved that the Grand Lodge meet in secret session at 7½ o'clock, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Committee on Revision of Initiatory Work, which was agreed to.

Rep. Burnham, of Maine, from the committee on that subject, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred the acting Grand Sire's report for distribution of the various subjects therein to appropriate committees beg leave to report:

That so much of the report as relates to decisions and to the sending of a brother to Australia be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

So much as relates to the death of P. G. Sires Wildey and Kneass be referred to special committees.

EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
E. H. BARRY,
J. G. BUGBEE.

Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Rule No. 36, which requires Reports of Committees to lie one day before being acted upon, be suspended during this session of the Grand Lodge

The Chair announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

Committee on Credentials.—Reps. Fuller, of Lower Provinces; Marley, of Maryland; Herr, of Illinois; Sims, of Missouri; Hanna, of Illinois.

Committee on the State of the Order.—Reps. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania; Sanders, of Northern New York; McCarty, of Indiana; Escavaille, of Maryland; Chidsey, of Ohio.

Legislative Committee.—Reps. Cassedy, of New Jersey; Buckley, of New Jersey; Gilmore, of Northern New York; Archer, of Missouri; Cady, of Kentucky.

Committee on Correspondence.—Reps. Krogman, of Massachusetts; Buckley, of New Jersey; Carlton, of Ohio; White, of Kentucky; Hayden, of California.

Committee on Finance.—Reps. Veitch, Missouri; Stokes, of Pennsylvania; Ellis, of Maryland; Kidder, of New Hampshire; Burnham, of Maine.

Committee on Printing.—Reps. Wilson, of Wisconsin; Harris, of Connecticut; Porter, of Massachusetts; Hanna, of Illinois; Sprague, of Michigan.

Committee on Petitions.—Reps. Bugbee, of Michigan; Griswold, of Illinois; Wright, of Wisconsin; Conningham, of Oregon; Smith, of Southern New York.

Committee on Appeals.—Reps. Davies, of Southern New York; Barry, of Indiana; Hopkins, of Pennsylvania; Doe, of Maine; Adams, of Massachusetts.

Committee on Constitutions.—Reps. Boydston, of Nebraska; Leech, of Iowa; Allison, of Indiana; Scott, of Connecticut; Armington, of Rhode Island.

Committee on Returns.—Reps. Rowell, of New Hampshire; Clark, of Maine; Hoag, of Minnesota; Sanders, of Indiana; Randall, of Rhode Island.

Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.—Reps. Pinckney, of Southern New York; Brown, of District of Columbia; Logan, of Kansas; Pereles, of Wisconsin; Hollis, of Connecticut.

Committee on Grand Bodies Not Represented.—Reps. Stone, of New Hampshire; Young, of Maryland; Lamb, of New Jersey; Terwilliger, of Northern New York; Hyland, of Delaware.

The Chair presented a paper from the Grand Lodge of Texas, which was referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

The Chair named the following committees, provided for by the resolution authorizing the same:

Committee on death of P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey.—Reps. Ellis, of Maryland; Sanders, of Northern New York; Chidsey, of Ohio.

Committee on death of P. G. Sire Horn R. Kneass.—Reps. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania; Veitch, of Missouri; Hayden, of California.

The hour of 12 o'clock, fixed for recess, having arrived, the Lodge receded from business for half an hour.

The hour of twelve and a half o'clock having arrived, the Lodge reassembled, pursuant to the order for recess.

The R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted his annual report, as follows:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Corresponding and Recording Secretary has the honor to submit, in conformity with law, his annual report. The duties assigned to him to be performed during the recess are contained in the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause to be printed five hundred copies of the daily Journal for the use of the Grand Representatives at the present session, and that ten copies of the revised Journal be printed and furnished each member, after the adjournment, for distribution.

2. *Resolved*, That a complete copy of the bound volumes, Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, be presented to such members as have not heretofore received the same.

3. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the Treasurer for £20, to refund to the Grand Lodge of Victoria if found necessary.

4. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to present to the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces of British North America a new Charter and Charge Books.

5. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary forward to the Representatives of Grand Bodies, subordinate to this Grand Lodge, who are absent from this session, the same number of copies of the proceedings of this R. W. Grand Lodge and other documents furnished to the Representatives of the R. W. Grand Body.

6. *Resolved*, That the various Grand Bodies be furnished with blank forms of annual returns of larger size than those now used by this Grand Body, and the form adopted by the R. W. Grand Secretary of Missouri be used.

7. *Resolved*, That a committee of three be by the Chair appointed, to prepare and report at the next session of this Grand Lodge an Index and Digest to the revised Journal.

8. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be authorized to contract with Bro. James Young, of Baltimore, for the printing of eight thousand copies of the revised Journal of the proceedings of the present session, in accordance with his proposals, herewith submitted and marked "accepted."

9. *Resolved*. That the Grand Secretary be instructed to forward to the Representatives of this Grand Lodge, as soon as printed, the balance of the daily proceedings of this session of the R. W. Grand Lodge.

10. *Resolved*, That four weeks previous to the holding of any session of this Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary, through one daily paper of each of the cities of Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York, to invite proposals for the printing of the Journal of this Body, the printer to furnish the necessary paper, and to stitch and cover the Journal, ready for distribution—the printing to be done according to the style of the revised Journal, and the matter to be stereotyped and the plates to be delivered to the Grand Secretary, in good order, as the property of the Grand Lodge of the United States, as soon as a sufficient number of copies are struck off to meet the purposes of the law requiring the distribution of the proceedings, which number the Grand Secretary must state, as near as practicable, in the advertisement. And such proposals for the said work as may be received shall be filed away by the Grand Secretary, with their seals unbroken, until twelve o'clock noon of the first day of the session therein designated, after which time no more proposals shall be received, and such as shall have been received shall be placed in the hands of the Committee on Printing, to be by them opened, examined, and decided upon.

11. *Resolved*, That in future the Grand Secretary be directed to advertise for proposals for printing the Daily Journal, not to exceed 500 copies daily, as directed by the 28th By-Law for printing the Revised Journal, and the said proposals be required to be handed in to the Grand Secretary at least ten days previous to the meeting of the Grand Lodge, and the same be opened by the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, who shall award the contract to the lowest and most responsible bidder.

The first resolution has been carried into effect.

The Corresponding Secretary has not been able to perform the duty prescribed in the second resolution, for the reason that no copies of the work were on hand.

Resolution number seven of the series hereunto annexed provides for the appointment of a committee of three to prepare and report an Index and Digest to the revised Journal. In view of this legislation, rendered necessary by the failure of the distinguished brother (Rep.

tinguished brother (Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia) heretofore appointed to perform that work, and the absence of all probability that he would report on the subject, the publication of the new edition of the Journal has been necessarily deferred. The Journal, without the Index and Digest, would be of comparatively little value, and as the preparation of this auxiliary was referred to a committee, it necessarily produced unavoidable delay. Should this committee report at the present session satisfactorily to the Grand Lodge, but little further delay will intervene, since the work has been printed, as was reported at the last session, and is ready for the binder. In this event, I respectfully suggest that the proceedings of the present session be added to the fourth volume, and be also included with the Digest and Index.

No warrant has been drawn on the Treasurer for the fund referred to in the third resolution and authorized to be returned to the Grand Lodge of Victoria, in Australia. Since the adjournment of the last session I received two communications from Australia: the one from William E. Langley, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, and the other from William E. Valentine, the former dated Melbourne, July 24, 1861, the other dated Melbourne, July 22, 1861. These communications refer to the subject of affiliation with the Order under this jurisdiction, and express the hope of yet attaining it. In view of this new aspect of the subject, I declined to draw the warrant for the £20 standing to the credit of the Grand Lodge of Victoria in the Treasury, and at once addressed a letter to Grand Secretary T. Rogers Johnson, of California, inviting his good offices and co-operation in enabling me to bring to the notice of the brotherhood in Australia, in an intelligible form, the difficulties in the way of accomplishing the object which they appear so perseveringly desirous of attaining. That distinguished brother very cordially entered into the subject, and gave me the benefit of his counsels in a letter bearing date the 11th of February, 1862. In that communication he expressed the opinion that to accomplish affiliation between the Order in Australia and the United States, an entire reorganization of the former would be imperative; to effect which the personal presence in Australia of a competent and reliable agent would also be necessary. To this end he recommended that the M. W. Grand Sire should entrust to the Grand Master of California, or to himself as Grand Secretary, a blank commission, to be filled up with the name of a suitable brother when opportunity offered, and with authority to such brother to proceed to Victoria, there to reorganize the Order, and to place it at work according to our ritual; that such brother should also be furnished with forms of charters and other supplies. This communication was transmitted to the acting M. W. Grand Sire for his consideration and action, and on the 29th of March, 1862, the undersigned was directed by that officer to comply with the suggestion of Bro. T. Rogers Johnson, whereupon the blank form of warrant, or commission indicated, was confided to him, with instructions to confer with the M. W. Grand Master of the State and other experienced brothers, and to exercise the trust with prudence and

discretion, having in view in all things done the welfare of the Order. Bro. Johnson was also authorized to furnish any supplies he might deem proper to the deputy appointed, and charge the same to the Grand Lodge of the United States.

This communication reached its destination in July last, and I have the pleasure of reporting Bro. Johnson's acknowledgment of its receipt. I take occasion to subjoin a part of his interesting letter, that the Grand Lodge may have a full view of the present condition of the whole subject. The paper is dated San Francisco, July 22d, 1862, and is as follows: "I find enclosed, in blank, commission and dispensation for the purpose of organizing the Order in Australia, under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States. In my previous communication I expressed a desire to have the subject placed in the form sanctioned by the acting Grand Sire, believing it the most feasible and sure method of placing the work in the hands of the brothers of that far distant country; and, further, feeling a deep interest in the spreading of the principles of our beloved Order, I was extremely desirous, if compatible with the constitution, to adopt this action, deeming it absolutely necessary to secure the object in view, and to save expense that would be entailed on the brothers in carrying out the object, as it is at times possible to select a brother from this region of country suitable, provided the necessary authority was available. At the time of writing you a worthy and competent brother was ready to assume the duties on the terms mentioned; since which time he has been elected M. W. Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of California. That office and business relations will prevent him from assuming the trust for the present. He, however, does not decline the honor or responsibility of the commission, but will necessarily be compelled to postpone his anticipated voyage to Melbourne for a few months at least. In view of the probability of his acceptance, I have not and shall not for the present make an effort to procure a substitute, as I can with safety place the commission in his hands, knowing that he is every way qualified to carry out the desire of the Grand Sire. I have this day received from W. E. Langley, Grand Master, a communication, in which he yet entertains the hope that the Order over which he presides will be received within the fold of *genuine Odd-Fellowship*. Being pressed for time, I am unable to send you a copy of his letter in this steamer, but will so do in my next. I have also received a package addressed to you from him, in which (he informs me) he sends copies of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Victoria. This letter as well as package will be placed in your hands by Grand Representative A. J. Gunnison, who leaves in the steamer of to-day."

Since the preparation of the above statement, I am in receipts of a further favor from Grand Secretary Johnson, dated San Francisco, August 11, 1862, in which he informs me that Bro. A. J. Gunnison, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of California, sailed on board the Golden Gate from San Francisco on the 21st of July, which

was lost on the Pacific, but that he was so fortunate as to escape with his life, and to return to San Francisco. All the documents, however, confided to him, touching the Order in Australia were lost: among these papers was a package addressed to the Grand Corresponding Secretary from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Victoria. Copies of the reports of the Grand Lodge of Victoria and of the Grand Lodge of Tasmania have been received.

The fourth resolution contemplates the presentation of a new charter to the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces of British North America and charge books, to supply the place of those destroyed by fire. This resolution had been anticipated by the Grand Sire. Immediately after the receipt of intelligence of the fire referred to, a special warrant and books had been by that officer transmitted to the jurisdiction in question.

The fifth resolution has only been carried into effect partially—no means of communication were available, except to Tennessee and parts of Virginia.

The form for annual returns of State Grand Bodies has been modified to meet the suggestions of the sixth resolution.

In accordance with the eighth resolution, the Corresponding and Recording Secretary entered into a contract with Bro. James Young for the printing of the Revised Journal of the last session, which was properly done and delivered within the time prescribed by the contract, and distributed from this office in conformity with the eighteenth article of the by-laws. A copy of the contract is herewith submitted.

The ninth resolution has been complied with.

The advertisement prescribed in the tenth resolution, being a transcript of the twenty-eighth article of the by-laws, has been published in the Baltimore Clipper, Philadelphia Daily News, and New York Times—copies of which accompany this report.

The eleventh resolution has also been complied with, and a contract has been made with Bro. James Young for the performance of the work, which is herewith submitted.

The Journals of Proceedings of the several State jurisdictions have been received, as follows:

GRAND LODGES.

New Hampshire	August 29, 1861.
Massachusetts	February, 1861, 1862.
Maryland	October, 1861.
"	April, 1862.
Maine	August, 1861.
Northern New York	August, 1861.
Iowa	October, 1861.
Minnesota	October, 1861.
District of Columbia	January, 1861.
Indiana	May, 1862.
Canada West	August, 1861.
Illinois	October, 1860, 1861.
Tennessee	October, 1861.
Ohio	May, 1862.

Pennsylvania	1861, 1862.
California	May, 1862.
Missouri	May, 1862.
Wisconsin	January, 1862.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

Illinois	October, 1860, 1861.
Kentucky	September, 1861.
Tennessee	October, 1861.
Indiana	November, 1861.
New Jersey	October, 1861.
Iowa	October, 1861.
Ohio	May, 1862.
New Hampshire	1860, 1861.
Missouri	May, 1862.
District of Columbia	January, 1861.
California	May, 1862.
Maryland	January, 1862.
Pennsylvania	June, 1861, to May, 1862.

Once more the Corresponding Secretary begs to renew the request, so frequently heretofore made, that the several State Grand Bodies promptly forward their Journals of Proceedings to him, to the end that they may be preserved for the use of their Grand Representatives, and as valuable material in connexion with the general progress of the Order.

The Grand Secretary regrets that the same difficulty which existed at the last communication prevents the presentation of a satisfactory summary of the condition and progress of the Order at this session. No reports have been received from the South or Southwestern Grand Bodies, and but little correspondence has been had in that direction during the year.

I present from the means within my reach as full a statement as the material will enable me to make.

BRITISH POSSESSIONS.

Australia.—The correspondence had with Australia has been already referred to in detail; by reference to which it will be found that the Order is in a very prosperous condition in that distant country, and the desire for affiliation with the Grand Lodge of the United States continues. This is an interesting subject, and commends itself to the deliberate consideration of the Grand Lodge.

Canada West.—The Order in this jurisdiction continues to advance; several new Lodges have been instituted during the year. The annual report has been received.

Lower Provinces of British North America.—The Grand Lodge of this Province has had a prosperous year, and all the Lodges appear to have had a good degree of success.

Michigan.—In no part of our moral vineyard is Odd-Fellowship more prosperous than in this State. The worthy and efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. B. Verner, accompanying the annual report, under

date of the 2d of August, writes as follows: "I am exceedingly happy to inform you that the Subordinate Lodges in this State are in a most flourishing condition, as you will see by our report. The Lodges have never before responded so promptly, and financially all are in good condition, and our worthy Past Grand Master, B. W. Dennis, (who is constantly visiting Lodges,) informs me that they are very much improved in uniformity in the work. As I have before informed you, we were visited with a terribly severe dispensation in the melancholy death of our M. W. Grand Master, C. P. Dibble, in whom the Order lost a most zealous and active head, and one who would have aided us much in the work. He was beloved by all, and is by all sincerely mourned."

Maine.—My advice from this State is very gratifying. The Grand Master, Bro. Benjamin Kingsbury, well known as the former and for many years very efficient Grand Secretary of the State, has taken a deep interest in the affairs of the Order, and has made great exertions to revive interest among the membership. The present Grand Secretary, Bro. Edward P. Banks, informs me "that the Order in Portland is in a very healthy condition, and more than an ordinary interest is felt by the members. Initiations are had every week, and the prospect is that a reaction will go through the State. The Order is holding its own, notwithstanding a slight falling off in membership."

Massachusetts.—Grand Secretary Charles D. Cole accompanies the annual report of Massachusetts with the remark that "the Order in Massachusetts has not materially increased during the past year; some of the Lodges have done exceedingly well, and others promise to make exertions to increase their numbers. The Lodges in Boston are making arrangements to occupy a new building which they have leased, and in which all the Lodges and Encampments can meet. This movement will, I think, give an impetus to the Lodges in Boston and vicinity."

New Hampshire.—The annual report is received in good time, showing the condition of the Order to be, under existing circumstances, quite as well as could be expected; there is a slight increase reported in the membership.

Vermont.—Odd-Fellowship in this State needs the fostering hand and care of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and if it be extended I have but little doubt that the fortunes of the Order may be revived in the jurisdiction. An interesting communication from the Grand Lodge of Vermont on this subject is submitted.

Rhode Island.—The annual report from Rhode Island shows about a statu quo condition of the Order, which is, under existing circumstances, highly gratifying.

Southern New York.—The very efficient Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction, under date of 2d of August, writes "that during the past year there has been, as a general thing, a better attendance at our Lodges, and more interest evinced by the members; still our membership has declined, for which, among other causes, the war is doubtless a principal one." The annual report is received.

Northern New York.—The annual report of this jurisdiction has been received, accompanying which the efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. W. H. H. Prall, writes, under date of Sept. 6th, that "the jurisdiction at present stands in a very fair condition; doubtless with others we must expect a decline in membership as long as our national difficulties continue. We have created one new Lodge during the year, and the Lodges which report are, as a general thing, in flourishing circumstances.

New Jersey.—The annual report of this jurisdiction, transmitted with accustomed promptness by Grand Secretary Phillips, is extremely gratifying. That brother writes as follows: "Our report compares favorably with that of the previous year, and exhibits the gratifying fact that, notwithstanding the disturbed and unhappy condition of our beloved country, the Order in New Jersey enjoys a comparative degree of prosperity. The statistics accompanying the report show that the order here fully maintains its character for good, and is laboring to sustain in all their integrity the great and benevolent principles on which it is founded."

Pennsylvania.—Bro. William Curtis, so favorably known as the veteran Grand Secretary of this great jurisdiction, in transmitting the annual report, remarks "that the Order in Pennsylvania has not increased during the past year; the war is having a serious effect upon us." Considering the immense number from Pennsylvania now in the army, the Order has done well.

Delaware.—The report of this Grand Lodge, although it shows a slight decrease of membership, exhibits an increase of initiations over the past year, and a healthful condition. Grand Secretary McIntyre writes as follows: "From returns received from the Subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, and the reports of the representatives of the various Lodges, I am able to report the Order in this State in a sound and healthy condition. Suspensions for non-payment of dues have made our total membership less than the preceding Grand Lodge year. The number of members returned in our annual report are all members in good standing in their various Subordinate Lodges, and the best of feeling prevails throughout this jurisdiction."

Maryland.—Grand Secretary Escavaille, accompanying the Grand Lodge report, remarks that "while it is not his pleasure to report an increase in the numerical strength of the Order in this commonwealth, it is a source of pleasure and great congratulation to have to say that the utmost harmony pervades the membership throughout the entire jurisdiction; the Lodges continue to maintain their usefulness in all the departments of the Order unimpaired, and during the year have dispensed their bounties with a more than liberal hand." The brotherhood in this State, in common with the Order at large, have been called during the year to mourn the death of Past Grand Sire Wildey, the distinguished Father and Founder of American Odd-Fellowship. Of the great services which Bro. Wildey rendered to Odd-Fellowship, and of his lasting claim upon our gratitude, it is needless to enlarge—his

fame as a philanthropist is identified not only with our Order, but with the age in which he lived, and his name will be ever venerated and cherished as the true friend and benefactor of man.

District of Columbia.—I am in receipt of the annual return from the District of Columbia, which compares favorably with the report of the preceding year under all circumstances. The Order is very active and prosperous in this jurisdiction.

Missouri.—The annual report from Missouri is received, transmitted as usual with great promptness. Odd-Fellowship has always been prosperous in the State, but it has been subjected to an ordeal during the past year which has temporarily checked its progress. The able Grand Secretary, Bro. Archer, under date of July 30, writes as follows: "Considering all the adverse and unfavorable circumstances under which the Order in this State has labored for the last twelve months, we have cause to be thankful that we are able to report the Order in as good a condition as it is. In some localities the membership has become scattered and the Lodges have been compelled to make a temporary surrender of their charters, but I am inclined to believe that on the restoration of peace and quietness they will be able to resume their labors under more favorable auspices than have ever yet existed in this jurisdiction."

Illinois.—I am indebted to the worthy and able Grand Secretary of this jurisdiction for interesting correspondence during the year; his annual report is received in good season; he writes as follows: "Our reports from both branches of the Order show that we have lost in membership largely this year, the net decrease amounting nearly to eighteen hundred members, as the account at present stands. Many of our Lodges have been obliged to suspend work because of the departure of so many young and active men to the service of the country. Yet in some places the Lodges have increased considerably; and in almost all the tone of the correspondence is more cheerful than last year, when the approaching disasters were less clearly seen. Even the Lodges that are closed have more hope of revival. As to the Encampments, our net decrease is much less in proportion, but unfortunately it is enough to cause us to lose one-half of our representation. The recent calls for men are draining us still more severely." The brotherhood of Illinois may look forward confidently for a return of their past prosperity when the country's trials shall have been past.

Indiana.—In no part of our jurisdiction is Odd-Fellowship more prosperous than in Indiana. The annual reports, received with the accustomed promptitude of the able Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, Bro. E. H. Barry, are truly gratifying. The state of the Order in the jurisdiction cannot be better portrayed than in the Grand Secretary's own language, which is as follows: "Notwithstanding the great commotion throughout the country, which has occupied all minds and paralyzed all interests, our present reports must dissipate the fears of the desponding for the permanency and continued usefulness of our Order in this jurisdiction, and will show a better state of affairs than

the most hopeful could have anticipated. We have lost but one of the sixty Subordinate Encampments, and but six of the weaker of the two hundred and seven Subordinate Lodges in the past year. Besides the $17,529 expended for relief, our Lodges and Encampments have appropriated more than $2,000 for charitable purposes outside the Order. Our brotherhood evince a determination to sustain our Order, which has done as much—according to its numbers and means—to alleviate human suffering as any other earthly institution."

Ohio.—Grand Secretary W. C. Earl, of this State, under date of August 13, accompanying the annual report of the State, writes as follows: "When I reflect upon the disturbed condition of the country and the constant excitement in which the public mind has been kept, I cannot but feel proud of the condition of Odd-Fellowship in this State. In the ranks of the nation's defenders are enlisted thousands of those whose devotion to the principles of our beloved Order has never for a moment faltered. While these men are thus engaged, thousands of others, equally patriotic, are keeping the camp fires burning around our sacred altars, prepared either to welcome home their brethren when peace shall spread her mantle over the land, or with fraternal love to follow their perishing remains to the last resting place of man."

Kentucky.—The annual report of Kentucky is received, as usual, in good season. The very zealous and efficient Grand Secretary, Bro. Wm. White, writes as follows: " herewith submit my annual reports for the year ending June last, which I have delayed longer than usual with the view and hope of receiving some at least of the many delinquent reports, in order to give a more complete and satisfactory statement, but such is the state of the public mind that it has been to no purpose. Ninety-three reports from Subordinate Lodges and twenty-two from Subordinate Encampments, which ought to be included to make these returns full and complete, are necessarily shut out, which I very much regret, as I feel satisfied that a better and more cheering exhibit would be seen than I am now able to make; but notwithstanding the reports, as far as they have reached me, show in both jurisdictions a falling off in membership and in revenue, there seems to be no abatement in interest and zeal, and when the circumstances that have and that still surround us are considered, viz. the excited, unsettled, and disturbed state of the country, and especially of this jurisdiction, no reason or cause for despondency will be found. With the return of peace and its gentle and heavenly influences, I confidently look for a glorious revival in our noble and beloved Order."

Tennessee.—I am in receipt of the reports from this jurisdiction for the year 1860, not received at the last session. The very worthy Grand Secretary, Bro. John F. Hide, writes under date of August 2, 1862, as follows: "I am very sorry I have not been able to make up and send you the returns for 1861, but the fact is, I have received so few returns from Subordinates out of this city that I have nothing to make returns from. You are well aware of the unhappy condition of

our country, and to that cause only is to be attributed the unhealthy and deplorable condition of our beloved Order in this State. We have a large number of our members away from home for various causes, and since the occupancy of this State by the Federal forces the military lines have cut off communication from nearly all the Subordinates under this jurisdiction, and even now there is only about some half dozen Lodges outside of Nashville that we can communicate with. Such is the condition of our beloved Order in this jurisdiction, and though it is unfortunate, we must patiently wait and hope that better times await us. I am pleased to be enabled to inform you that the membership in this city and surrounding country stand up to and abide by the principles of the Order, and under no circumstances have they allowed, nor do I believe they will hereafter allow, the political differences now distracting the country to enter within the walls of a Lodge room, nor estrange them from the ennobling principles inculcated by the precepts of our Order; we profess to be Odd-Fellows, in deed and in truth, and we hope to be able to substantiate our professions by our actions." The R. W. Grand Marshal, Bro. E. D. Farnsworth, has during the year very kindly furnished the Grand Secretary with interesting information concerning the Order, and communicated in the same spirit of devotion to the unity of the Order as that which characterizes the letter of the Grand Secretary.

Wisconsin.—Grand Secretary Edward H. Rudd, of Wisconsin, accompanies the annual report of the jurisdiction with the following remarks: "I would respectfully report that the Order in Wisconsin has shaken off its lethargy during the past year, and presents now a fair token of continued prosperity. The per centage from each Lodge has been increased in almost every instance during the last six months, and will, notwithstanding the distracted state of our country, strive to place itself in a front position, extending its benefits and usefulness throughout our young and growing State."

Iowa.—The very prompt and active Grand Secretary of Iowa, Bro. Wm. Garritt, under date of August 6, transmits the annual report of that jurisdiction. The condition of the country has had a very depressing effect upon the Order in the State, and it is believed will continue to exert the same influence whilst the war lasts.

California.—The annual return of the Grand Lodge of California shows that this jurisdiction maintains the very high degree of prosperity which it had heretofore attained. There has been an increase of eight Lodges during the past year, making now one hundred and eight in the State. The amount expended in relief has nearly reached thirty thousand dollars. Grand Secretary Johnson, with his accustomed zeal in Odd-Fellowship, has taken a deep interest in the affairs of the Order in Nevada, as will appear by the following extract from his letter of the 11th August: "At the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States a resolution was adopted placing the Territory of Nevada under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California; that Grand Lodge, at its May session, accepted the trust, and at the same

session chartered four Lodges, located in said Territory, to be known as follows:

Wildey Lodge,	No.	1,	instituted	April	1, 1862
Silver City,	"	2,	"	"	14, "
Mt. Davidson,	"	3,	"	"	23, "
Carson,	"	4,	"	"	25, "

All the above Lodges are in an unusually healthy condition and composed of some of our most zealous brothers. The Grand Lodge of the United States acted wisely in making this provision, and if the Lodges at Honolulu were also placed under this jurisdiction it would undoubtedly work for the benefit of all." Bro. Johnson suggests the authorization of diplomas for meritorious conduct, and I respectfully submit the subject.

Minnesota.—The Order in Minnesota has maintained itself, although the annual report exhibits a slight diminution in membership, arising from the failure of some of the Lodges to report.

Oregon.—The intelligence from this remote jurisdiction is exceedingly cheering. Grand Secretary Chester N. Terry transmits the annual report in good time, and writes, under date of the 26th July, that "although the past year has been one of great hardship in many particulars, yet, notwithstanding all this, we have had an increase fully commensurate with times and population, and the future looks quite bright at this time."

Kansas.—The annual report is received, accompanying which Grand Secretary Burdett advises me as follows: "The accompanying report does not exhibit the Order in Kansas in as flourishing condition as I could wish, yet compared with the last annual report I find our course is 'onward.' Although we have three Lodges less, our membership has increased two hundred and fifty, and our annual income is almost imperceptibly less, while our initiations have been as many and our suspensions less (the latter *exclusively* for non-payment of dues, caused principally by the unfortunate condition of our country) than last year. Financially the Order is in a remarkably healthy condition; the number of brothers relieved is larger and the amount paid therefor exceeds that of last year by $113, while the total amount expended for relief is greater by $275, and at the same time the Lodges are out of debt, and have surplus funds on hand, while the brotherhood generally are imbued with the *true* spirit of Odd-Fellowship, and at no distant day the Order in Kansas will occupy a position in the annals of the Grand Lodge of the United States second to none of the new jurisdictions."

Nebraska.—Grand Secretary Wm. L. Boydston writes under date of July 10, in sending the annual report, "that while the Order in Nebraska is not making much advance, it is holding its own."

Sandwich Islands.—I am in receipt of an interesting communication from the very zealous and able D. D. Grand Sire for the jurisdiction of the Sandwich Islands, dated 30th August, 1861, accompanying which are the returns of Excelsior Lodge for terms as follows: June 30, 1860, Dec. 31, 1861, and of Polynesian Encampment for terms

ending June 30, 1860, and Dec. 31, 1861. Bro. R. A. S. Wood, D. D. Grand Sire, who has so faithfully served the Grand Lodge of the United States for several years, I regret very much to say, expresses a desire to be relieved from office. I have written to him earnestly urging him to continue at his post. It would be a great loss to the fraternity should he decline the service, as the Grand Lodge of the United States is indebted almost exclusively to him for the present prosperity of the Order at that distant point.

Washingtou Territory.—The reports from Olympia Lodge, in Washington Territory, for terms ending Dec. 31, 1860, and June 30, 1861, were forwarded August 24, 1861, but have miscarried—the dues, however, reached me in safety, amounting to $17.60. The Lodge is in good condition.

Nevada.—The condition of the Order in Nevada will be found referred to in the report on California.

No reports have been received from the jurisdictions of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Texas, Arkansas, Florida, and New Mexico, although I had the pleasure of receiving letters from the Grand Masters of Georgia and Virginia during the year, asking supplies, which were promptly forwarded.

Returns have been received during the year from the following Lodges and Encampments under this immediate jurisdiction:

Olympia Lodge, No. 1, Washington Territory.
Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, term ending June 30, 1860
Do. do. do. do. do. do. Dec. 31, 1860
Do. do. do. do. do. do. June 30, 1861
Polynesian Encampment, No. 1, Honolulu, term ending June 30, 1860.
Do. do. do. do. Dec. 31, 1860.
Green Mountain Encampment, Vermont, term ending Dec. 31, 1861.
Far West Encampment, Kansas, term ending Dec. 31, 1861.
Do. do. do. do. June 30, 1862.
Ridgely Encampment, Nebraska, term ending June 30, 1862.
Delaware Encampment, No. 1, Delaware.
McDonald do. No. 2, do.
Reynolds do. No. 3, do.
Kirkwood do. No. 6, do.

Pursuant to the authority conferred by the resolution adopted at the last session upon the report of the Committee on Petitions, a warrant was issued for the institution of Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, at Nebraska City, Nebraska Territory. Patriarch W. L. Boydston was specially deputized to organize the Encampment, which service he promptly performed, and has reported the body to be in good working order, and progressing with reasonable hope of success. His report is herewith submitted.

The following statement represents the amounts for each specific purpose received from each Grand jurisdiction and Subordinate Lodge and Encampment under this Grand Body during the past fiscal year. The several amounts received have been paid into the treasury, vouchers

for which accompany this report. The usual supplementary table will be submitted at an early day during the session, showing the further receipts of this office from the termination of the fiscal year up to the first day of the session, inclusive:

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS *of Grand Secretary for the fiscal year commencing September* 18, 1861, *and ending September* 1, 1862.

GRAND LODGES.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Odes.	Diplomas.	Miscellaneous.	Representative Tax.	Total
Maryland.....	.....	$80 00	$22 50	$5 00	$1 50	.....	$150 00	$259 00
Massachusetts...	.....	150 00	15 00	.....	12 50	.....	.....	177 50
S. New York.....	.....	80 00	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	120 00
Pennsylvania	.....	600 00	200 00	30 00	.....	.....	150 00	980 00
Ohio	.....	600 00	12 60	40 00	.....	.....	150 00	802 60
Delaware	.....	15 00	17 50	2 50	.....	.....	150 00	185 00
New Jersey.....	.....	120 00	40 00	30 00	.....	.....	150 00	340 00
Kentucky	.....	35 00	.....	.....	9 00	.....	150 00	194 00
Indiana.....	.....	260 00	75 20	.....	.....	.....	150 00	485 20
Missouri	.....	60 00	8 20	.....	.....	.....	150 00	218 20
Illinois...	.....	160 00	112 50	5 00	.....	.....	150 00	427 50
Virginia.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	10 40
Maine	.....	24 60	15 00	.....	.....	40	.....	40 40
New Hampshire.	.....	77 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	150 00	227 00
Michigan	.....	60 00	20 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	230 00
Wisconsin	.....	.....	13 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 00
Rhode Island....	$20 00	40 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	135 00
Iowa	.....	80 00	8 75	.....	12 50	.....	100 00	201 25
California	.....	120 00	125 00	50 00	75 00	2 50	150 00	522 50
Vermont.....	20 66	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 66
Nebraska.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	20 60
Kansas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
	$40 66	2591 60	725 25	162 50	110 50	$3 90	2050 00	5684 41

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—*Continued.*

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Balance.	Cards.	Books.	Representative Tax.	Total.
Maryland	.....	.....	.....	$150 00	$150 00
Pennsylvania	.....	$60 00	$15 00	150 00	225 00
Ohio	.....	70 00	35 00	150 00	255 00
Kentucky	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Massachusetts	.....	10 00	10 00	.....	20 00
New Hampshire	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Missouri	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Indiana	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Michigan	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Illinois	.....	.....	2 50	75 00	77 50
Wisconsin	$117 16	.....	.....	.....	117 16
Rhode Island	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
California	.....	60 00	35 50	75 00	170 50
	$117 16	200 00	98 00	1125 00	1540 16

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS—*Continued.*

	Balance.	Cards.	Dues.	Total.
George B. Roberts, of Indiana	$25 00	.....	.....	$25 00
Wm. Tell Lodge, No. 33, Va	.....	$5 00	.....	5 00
Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, N. T	.....	2 40	$15 62	18 02
Delaware Encampment, No. 1, Del	.....	.....	30 17	30 17
McDonald Encampment, No. 2, Del	.....	.....	16 58	16 58
Reynolds Encampment, No. 3, Del	.....	.....	19 00	19 00
Kirkwood Encampment, No. 6, Del	.....	.....	4 77	4 77
Green Mountain Encampment, No. 3, Vt	.....	.....	1 00	1 00
Far West Encampment, No. 1, Kansas	.....	.....	9 43	9 43
Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu	.....	.....	131 67	131 67
Olympia Lodge, No. 1, W. T	.....	.....	16 67	16 67
	$25 00	$7 40	$244 91	$277 31

The revenue of the year up to and inclusive of the 31st day of August, 1862, amounts to	$7,501 88
There was due on that day and payable during the session (excluding the Southern jurisdictions)	2,706 78
Making an aggregate of	$10,208 66

This aggregate is subject to appropriations made at the last session, which will reduce it not more than one-third, leaving in all probability a balance of seven thousand dollars; a fund amply sufficient to meet all the demands upon the treasury. This is the most gratifying exhibit of the finances of the Grand Lodge which has appeared for several years, and, in view of the extraordinary derangement of all monetary and business affairs, is a fit subject of congratulation to the brotherhood.

There is also due to the Grand Lodge, from the estate of the lamented P. G. Sire Wildey, a balance upon the loan of $8,000, so generously made to that brother in 1848, free of interest during his life, to relieve him of his embarrassments. That balance, as appears by an audit of the account made by the Committee on Finance at September session, 1850, (page 1653 Journal,) and approved by the Grand Lodge, amounted to $6,661.50. This amount will bear interest from his death, and is secured by mortgage and judgment upon property worth, at a minimum valuation, not less than four times the amount of the debt. The claim will be paid in full during the ensuing year, should it be required, and the undersigned respectfully suggests that resolutions be passed conferring authority upon the Grand Treasurer to take such steps as may be necessary to carry out the wishes of the Grand Lodge in the premises, and to execute in its behalf proper releases and acquittances to the legal representatives of Brother Wildey, upon the payment of the amount found to be due.

It is a source of great pleasure to the undersigned to present so gratifying an exhibit of the finances of the Lodge, especially in view of the fact that at the last session, on account of a deficit, it became necessary to retrench expenditures, when the Representatives magnanimously voted a sufficient reduction of their mileage to meet the emergency.

We have occasion to be grateful to a beneficent Providence that he has in a great measure kept our beloved Order aloof from the troubles and excitements which have more or less disturbed many of the associated organizations in the country. This blessing is the fruit of a faithful adherence to the principles of our Order, which sternly ignore all extraneous influences and command an undivided heart in the cause of human benefaction. Let us continue to labor with an eye single and steady to our sacred mission, turning neither to the right nor to the left, and that same Providence which hath hitherto so signally prospered our Order will deliver it from all peril.

Respectfully submitted.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, *C. and R. Secretary.*

BALTIMORE, *September* 15, 1862.

The report having been read, on motion of Rep. Archer, of Missouri, it was referred to a committee of three, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein referred to to appropriate committees.

The Chair named Reps. Archer, of Missouri; Fuller, of Lower Provinces, and Stokes, of Pennsylvania, as the committee.

Rep. Hanna, of Illinois, presented the appeal of A. C. Marsh and others from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Smith, of Southern New York, presented the appeal of Empire Lodge, No. 64, of that jurisdiction, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Archer, of Missouri, moved the following resolutions, which were referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the per diem for this session of the Grand Lodge of the United States be three dollars.

Resolved, That the mileage for members for this session be rated at four cents per mile, and that the same be calculated from the nearest mail route, unless it may appear to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem that there is a nearer travelled route, in which case the travelled route takes precedence.

On motion of Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, the election of Grand Officers was made the special order for to-morrow at one o'clock.

The Grand Secretary presented various proceedings from State Grand Bodies touching the death of Past Grand Sire Wildey, which, on motion of Rep. Pinckney, of Southern New York, were referred to the Committee on the death of Past Grand Sire Wildey.

On motion of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, the Lodge resolved itself into secret session, for the purpose of receiving and considering the report of the committee appointed to revise the work of the Order.

After some time passed in secret session, on motion of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, the Lodge closed its secret session and resumed its ordinary business.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, from the special committee on the subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee to whom was referred so much of the Report of the Grand Sire as relates to the death of Past Grand Sire Wildey ask leave to report that they have had that subject under consideration, and respectfully submit to the judgment of the Grand Lodge the following memorial:

When in the providence of God we are called upon to mourn the loss of one who, after a long pilgrimage and an eventful career in life, has sunk at last into his rest, it is eminently proper that we pause to contemplate the scene thus presenting itself to our consideration, to commemorate the virtues of the departed patriarch, and to give expression to those peculiar emotions which such an event is calculated to inspire.

The Grand Lodge of the United States of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having assembled in annual communication for the transaction of business appertaining to the great cause of human brother-

hood, is met at the threshold of its duties by the official announcement of the death of that distinguished patriarch and founder of the Order in America, Past Grand Sire Thomas Wildey, of Baltimore.

This solemn and affecting dispensation, while it calls upon us to humble ourselves before that Great Being who is too wise to err, too just to do wrong, too good to be unkind, imposes upon this Grand Body a duty which may not be postponed, and which demands the earliest attention of the Grand Officers and Grand Representatives now assembled, in placing upon the records of the Grand Lodge an appropriate and becoming tribute to the memory of the distinguished dead.

To the world at large, proud of its attainments in science and art, and absorbed by its untiring exertions after wealth and distinction, Past Grand Sire Wildey may have been a plain old man; unlettered, untitled, unpretending, and almost unknown; but to his children, the tens of thousands of Odd-Fellows scattered over the vast territory covered by THE JURISDICTION OF THIS GRAND LODGE, HE WAS A GREAT AND GOOD MAN.

"Great, not like Cæsar stained with blood," but great in the accomplishment of great good; in the building up of one of the most magnificent charities the world has ever known—practical, comprehensive, and far-reaching in its influence; having its foundation laid in the best feelings of the heart, and its superstructure continually progressing in the development of those higher and nobler qualities of the soul that ally man to his God; a charity that seeks not alone the relief of those distresses that are incident to humanity, but aims also at the elevation of the character of man, and labors to imbue him with just conceptions of his capabilities for good; to enlarge the sphere of his affections, to still the storm and soothe the spirit of passion, and to bring into subjection to the higher purposes of his being all those powers and capacities "which it has pleased an all-wise Providence to confer upon him."

Standing at the grave of our departed Grand Sire, and reviewing the past while we contemplate the future of this great charity, we are constrained to ask, Who was Thomas Wildey and what the part he has borne in this vast scheme of benevolence and love? And the answer comes back to us in the language of one of Maryland's most eloquent advocates as applied to a bad man and a bad cause, "He was its author, its projector, its active executor; bold, ardent, faithful, and untiring—his brain conceived it, his hand brought it into action."

Beginning his labors in this the city of his choice, and devoting to the accomplishment of his great purpose the activity and energy of his earlier manhood, no obstacle discouraged, no temporary failure defeated him. Regarding with equal indifference "the world's dread frown" or "its scornful smile," and armed with that faith in the success of his mission which conscious rectitude of purpose inspired, he recrossed the ocean to the land of his nativity in search of material aid in his great enterprise, and returned in triumph to the land of his adoption, bearing with him not only the power and authority he sought, but the prayers and benedictions of the Brotherhood beyond the waves.

Such energy in the prosecution of his purpose, such zeal in the success of the cause he had espoused, it was impossible should escape the attentive criticism of an observing and progressive people. The practical effect was to bring to his aid in the cause of human benefaction the energies and activities of other and perhaps more cultivated minds, and in a few years we find the peaceful banner of Odd-Fellowship floating in triumph over a territory broader even than our national domain, and gathering beneath its folds a brotherhood of hearts which no political distinctions, no national prejudices have yet been able entirely to separate.

True it is that in consequence of the disturbed condition of the country fraternal intercourse between different sections of this jurisdiction is for a season suspended; but we are proud in the anticipation that when a return of better days comes—as come they must, we fondly hope—it will be found that the spirit and offices of Odd-Fellowship have borne no insignificant part in the restoration of peace and unity to our now distracted land.

But here we pause to inquire, Did Past Grand Sire Wildey, under the weight of years, grow weary of his labor and suffer his zeal for the success of Odd-Fellowship to languish and die? Did he, like too many of his followers, having enjoyed all the honors and emoluments of the Order, forsake its altars and abandon its temples to seek distinction in other fields of more ambitious enterprise? We answer emphatically, he did not, but, yielding to the impulses which ever actuated him, he undertook and accomplished long journeys in the feebleness of age to mingle his sympathies with the brethren of other and distant jurisdictions. Clinging with the tenacity of early love to the pillars of the great temple he had reared, he watched with affectionate solicitude over its developing beauty and grandeur to the latest hour of his life, and although the words may not in fact have fallen from his lips, yet, as the ruling passion is always strong in death, we are warranted in the assumption that the earnest desire of his heart, in the last moments of expiring nature, is best and fully expressed in the Apostolic injunction, so touching in its simplicity, so comprehensive in its beauty:

"My little children, love one another."

Venerating the memory of our departed Grand Sire, and emulating the virtues which he in his long and eventful pilgrimage illustrated, we, the Grand Officers and Grand Representatives, in Grand Lodge of the United States assembled, hereby solemnly renew upon the altar of Odd-Fellowship, all the vows we have hitherto taken, mutually pledging to each other and to the Grand Jurisdictions we respectively represent, the best energies of the remnant of our days to the cause in which we are engaged.

AND WHEREAS, the Grand Lodge of Maryland has kindly tendered to this Grand Body an invitation to be present at the delivery of a eulogy upon the life and character of the deceased by our distinguished brother, Past Grand Master James L. Ridgely, and the Grand Lodge has already accepted the invitation and resolved to attend the contemplated ceremonies:

Resolved, That the Most Worthy Grand Sire be requested to solicit a copy of the proposed eulogy, when delivered, for the purpose of having the same spread upon the journal of this Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. A. ELLIS,
J. P. SANDERS,
W. CHIDSEY.

On motion of Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, the report and resolution were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, addressed the Grand Lode as follows:

The melancholy duty devolves upon me of announcing to the Grand Lodge the decease of Past Grand Representative and Past Grand Marshal Isaac M. Tucker, of New Jersey.

Col. Isaac M. Tucker fell at the battle of Gaines' Mills, before Richmond, on the 27th June, 1862, at the head of his regiment, (the 2d New Jersey Volunteers,) while bravely rallying his troops around the regimental colors.

Brother Tucker was initiated into the Order on the 11th March, 1846, in Protection Lodge, No. 28, located at Newark, in the State of New Jersey. He was elected Permanent Secretary, July 1st, 1846, and held successively the offices of Recording Secretary, V. G., N. G. and Conductor.

In 1855 he was elected Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States, from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and acted as such during the Sessions of 1855 and 1856. In 1857 he was elected, and during the Sessions of 1857 and 1858 served as the Representative in this Lodge, of the Grand Encampment of New Jersey. At the Session of this Grand Lodge, held in 1858, he was appointed by Grand Sire Craighead its Grand Marshal, which position he filled with dignity and marked ability. He was always, from early manhood, an active, earnest, and zealous Odd-Fellow, declining no service that could benefit his brethren. Indeed, in every position in which he was placed in the Order (whether official or private) he acquitted himself most ably, reflecting credit not only upon himself, but also upon his State, his Lodge, and the Order at large. His family and friends have met with a sad bereavement; New Jersey has lost a gallant soldier, one of her most gifted sons, and the fraternity of Odd-Fellows a talented and deservedly cherished member.

The character and virtues of our deceased Brother are faithfully described by his pastor (Rev. Dr. C. R. Craven) in the following language, every word of which is approved by my own personal knowledge of Brother Tucker, between whom and myself intimate friendship existed for many years immediately preceding his death. His pastor says:

"I hazard nothing in saying that he was one of the foremost young men in our land.

"He was of a fine and commanding personal appearance; intellect was throned upon his brow; frankness and generosity were stamped upon his features; his smile was cheerful and winning; his manners genial; nor did the outward appearance belie the man—he was what he seemed to be.

"His *intellect* was of no common order. This no one could doubt who had ever listened to his conversation or read his letters. His perceptions were quick—his powers of observation singularly extensive—his judgment sound—his reasoning powers at once acute and strong—his taste exquisite. No better proof of remarkable intellectual powers can or need be given than the presentation of the main facts of his life. Having but few advantages of early education; passing the first years of his life—until he had attained his majority—as an apprentice, and a few following years in an engrossing business, he by his own almost unaided efforts, before he reached the age of thirty-four years, had acquired an excellent general and legal education, and had become an accomplished and powerful writer. At the age of thirty-four he was admitted to the bar of this (New Jersey) his native State. He at once took an unusually high position for one just entering on the practice of his profession—a position which he continued to hold and advance during the three years of his professional life.

"His affections were strong and ardent. Though not demonstrative he was a deeply affectionate husband and son. His impulses were generous; he was ever ready to make any sacrifice or to perform any labor for a friend. By nature he was an enthusiast—his propensity to enthusiasm, however, was in a great measure held in check both by his judgment and the experience derived from his early life and training.

"He was a man of *unflinching courage*. I refer not now so much to mere physical insensibility to danger—the meanest of the virtues, if with propriety it can be called a virtue—judging from his physical organization I should say he possessed this to a remarkable degree; but I refer not so much to this as to the nobler courage of the soul, which whilst it perceived and appreciated a threatening danger, can still hold the man calm and unflinching at the cannon's mouth, in the very jaws of death.

"He fell like a brave man—at the post of duty—with his front to the foe. He fell cheering on the noble band which each moment was lessening at his side, under the fierce and overwhelming attack of a fearfully outnumbering enemy. He fell with the words upon his lips: '*Men, we must stand around our colors, and drive them back.*'"

Rep. Pinckney, of Southern New York, presented the appeal of E. W. Brunsen, of Southern New York, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

On motion, the Lodge again resolved itself into secret session, and after some time passed therein resumed its ordinary business.

On motion of Rep. Burnham, of Maine, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That five hundred copies of the reports of the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Secretary be printed for the use of the members.

Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, addressed the Lodge as follows:

Most Worthy Grand Sire: It is my painful duty to announce to the Grand Lodge of the United States the demise of Past Grand Representative Henry F. Anness, of Pennsylvania. Bro. Anness was an active and zealous Odd-Fellow, one whose heart was in the work, and whose services will long be remembered by the brethren among whom he labored, and who are cognizant of his good works.

Past Grand Representative Anness died at Philadelphia, on the 14th of October, 1861, in the fifty-seventh year of his age. Several years have passed since he had a seat upon this floor. There are but few here now who remember him, but we humbly trust that "He who doeth all things well" has issued the plaudit of "well done, good and faithful servant."

On motion of Rep. Burnham, of Maine, that the Lodge have a secret session at seven and a half o'clock this evening, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Archer, of Missouri, from the special committee to whom the subject had been referred, submitted the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The select committee to whom was referred the report of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein contained to appropriate committees, respectfully report:

First. That so much of said report as refers to Grand Bodies unrepresented be referred to the Committee on Grand Bodies not represented.

Second. That so much of said report as relates to printing the revised journals, &c. of this Grand Lodge be referred to the Committee on Printing.

Third. So much as refers to the finances of the Grand Lodge and the Wildey Loan be referred to the Committee on Finance.

C. C. ARCHER,
J. A. FULLER,
J. W. STOKES.

The hour fixed for adjournment having arrived, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1862—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

MILTON HERNDON.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, presiding.
B. W. DENNIS.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. E. M. P. WELLS.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
W. H. H. PRALL.....R. W. Grand Marshal, *p. t.*
SOLOMON H. LEWYT.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN...R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. E. M. P. Wells.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, by order of the Chair, declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On motion of Rep. Boydston, of Nebraska, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer submitted his annual report, as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

I have the honor to submit herewith a report of the receipts and disbursements of the Treasury department of the Grand Lodge for the fiscal year commencing on the 19th of September, 1861, and ending on the 15th of September, 1862:

1861.	RECEIPTS, VIZ:	
Sept. 18.	Cash balance as per Treasurer's report of this date, folio 3339 Journal of 1861	$6,679 36
	This sum received from Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, from 19th of September, 1861, to September 15th, 1862, both inclusive	10,642 85
	This sum received from Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, in payment of interest	3 71
	This sum received from Grand Lodge of Maine, in payment of note and interest on same	53 00
		$17,378 92

1861.	DISBURSEMENTS, VIZ:	
Sept'ber.	This sum paid Officers and Representatives in attendance at the session of the Grand Lodge of 1861, on account of mileage and per diem, as per vouchers	$4,760 66
Sept. 19.	Voucher No. 66, Unpaid draft of R.W. Furnas, of Nebraska	75 00
Sept. 20.	Voucher No. 68, Discount on uncurrent funds	48
Sept. 20.	Voucher No. 69, Note Bank of Commerce, Erie, Pa. (broken)	5 00
Sept. 23.	Voucher No. 71, James Young, printing revised Journal	661 62
Sept. 23.	Voucher No. 72, James Young, printing G. Secr'y's report	55 00
Sept. 23.	Voucher No. 73, Wm. R. Lindsay, folding, stitching work, &c., on revised Journal	52 50
Sept. 30.	Voucher No. 76, J. Sweitzer, services at session of G. L.	5 00

Oct.	5.	Voucher No. 78, W. H. Dougal, engraving steel plates.....	565 00
Oct.	12.	Voucher No. 79, W. M. Innes, printing daily Journal.....	52 56
Nov.	9.	Voucher No. 80, Bull & Tuttle, advertising for proposals...	13 00
Nov.	9.	Voucher No. 81, Insurance on Grand Lodge furniture.....	13 50
Nov.	30.	Voucher No. 82, G.Mes.Chamberlain,three months' services	125 00
Nov.	30.	Voucher No. 82, Office expenses, &c., of Grand Secretary...	43 20
Dec.	3.	Voucher No. 83, P. G. Sire Craighead, postages, &c.....	10 80
Dec.	3.	Voucher No. 84, Postage and registering letter.....	8
Dec.	7.	Voucher No. 85, C. Sache, translation of Work of the Order	5 00
Dec. 1862.	10.	Voucher No. 86, James Young, on account printing revised Journal	200 00
Jan.	6.	Voucher No. 86, James Young, on account printing revised Journal	200 00
Jan.	6.	Voucher No. 88, James Young, printing extra copies Proceedings	24 39
Feb.	6.	Voucher No. 86, James Young, on account printing revised Journal	200 00
Feb.	20.	Voucher No. 86, James Young, on account printing revised Journal	43 42
Feb.	20.	Voucher No. 89, James Young, printing Charge Books, &c.	120 00
Mar.	1.	Voucher No. 90, G.Mes.Chamberlain,three months' services	125 00
Mar.	1.	Voucher No. 90, Office expenses, &c., of Grand Secretary...	36 56
June	2.	Voucher No. 91, G.Mes.Chamberlain,three months' services	125 00
June	2.	Voucher No. 91, Office expenses, &c., of Grand Secretary...	16 13
June	7.	Voucher No. 92, J. Young, printing Installation Books, &c.	30 00
Aug.	25.	Voucher No. 93, J. W. Bond & Co., stationery.....	30 25
Aug.	26.	Voucher No. 94, Grand Lodge of Maryland, rent, light and fuel	275 00
Aug.	26.	Voucher No. 95, Kelly, Hedian & Pyett, for check book....	38
Aug.	27.	Voucher No. 96, O. Herring, hanging portraits.....	3 50
Sept.	1.	Voucher No. 97, G.Mes.Chamberlain,three months' services	125 00
Sept.	1.	Voucher No. 97, Office expenses of Grand Secretary.....	18 30
Sept.	3.	Voucher No. 98, G. Sec. James L. Ridgely, twelve months' services	1,000 00
Sept.	15.	Voucher No. 99, Grand Treas. Vansant, for twelve months services	200 00
			$9,216 27
		Balance.....	8,162 65
			$17,378 92

From the foregong it will be perceived that the aggregate revenue for the fiscal year just closed was $10,699.56. Of that amount, however, $1,000 was received from the estate of the late P. G. Sire Thos. Wildey. The *revenue proper* for the year, therefore, was $9,699.56, being but $890.55 less than the receipts ordinary for the year preceding. This comparison evidences the spirit of the membership of the Order under circumstances more trying than any that have arisen since its organization. Independent of the sum received on account of the indebtedness of the estate of the late Past Grand Sire Wildey, the financial condition of the Grand Lodge is much more favorable than it has been for a series of years. The cash balance in the Treasury on the 18th September, 1861, was $6,679.36, against which there were liabilities that amounted to $1,289.92, reducing the net balance to $5,389.44. The only existing liability of the Grand Lodge is in the sum of $460.00, for painting the portraits of Past Grand

Sires Kennedy and Craighead. The bill for that account would have been liquidated, but the Grand Lodge, although it ordered the service to be performed, made no appropriation for the payment therefor.

The R. W. Grand Secretary, in his recent report, has apprized you that within a short period the whole amount due by the estate of the late Past Grand Sire Wildey will be paid into the Treasury of the Grand Lodge. Unless it should be your determination to appropriate this fund to some specific object other than the ordinary purposes for which its funds are expended, there will be left in the hands of the Grand Treasurer a considerable amount for nearly the whole of the current fiscal year. In the probability of the latter contingency, the undersigned respectfully suggests that you should direct that officer as to the investment or manner of the safe keeping of the funds. The law of the Grand Lodge is silent in reference to the manner of keeping the money that from time to time accrues to the Treasury, and leaves the matter altogether at the discretion of the Treasurer. In the judgment of the undersigned it is better, both for the Grand Lodge and the official custodian of the treasure, that the safe keeping of the same should be regulated by the adoption of some rule more definite than any that now exists in that connection.

Fraternally yours,

Sept. 16, 1862. JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer.*

Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the official announcement of the death of Past Grand Sire Horn R. Kneass, of Pennsylvania, respectfully beg leave to report that this Grand Lodge has heard with deep regret of the loss which the brotherhood has sustained in the decease of this worthy and distinguished brother.

Past Grand Sire Horn R. Kneass was a man whom to know was to love; courteous in his manners, refined and dignified in his deportment, his suavity and sensibility to the kindly intercourse of our fraternity won the hearts and commanded the respect of all who approached him. His intellectual acquirements were of a high order, and were fully evinced during his administration of the executive duties of the principal chair in this R. W. Grand Body. His history as an Odd-Fellow is written in the Journals of the Order, whilst his memory will be cherished by the members of the Grand Lodge, and by the brethren of the Order, among whom his life was spent, and who have been profited by his example.

The committee respectfully submit the following for the consideration of the Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge entertains a kindly and grateful recollection of the valuable services rendered to the Order by Past Grand Sire Horn R. Kneass, and directs that the foregoing be entered upon the Journal as a tribute of respect for his memory.

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted by yours, in the bonds of Friendship, Love and Truth.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
C. C. HAYDEN.

Rep. Sanders, of Northern New York, addressed the Lodge as follows:

Most Worthy Grand Sire: It is my painful duty to announce the demise of one of the brightest ornaments of my jurisdiction. Since our last annual convocation Grand Representative Edgar C. Dibble has been called from among us. Suddenly and unexpectedly have we been called to mourn his loss. At his residence, and with his family, on the 28th day of February last, while apparently in the full enjoyment of health, he was seized with a fit of apoplexy and instantly expired. Bro. Dibble was well known to most of the members of this body—a member in the year 1851 and 1852, and again returned last year. Those who knew him need not be reminded of his virtues. None knew him but loved and respected the man and brother, for his ability, honesty, and integrity. A Christian man, whose rule of action was the golden rule, "to do to others as he would have them do to him." This was his guide through life, and those who best knew him always found him acting on this great principle. With such views and such principles, we have the key to his firm adherence to the tenets of our Order. Bro. Dibble has for many years been a working member, holding every office in the gift of the brethren in his jurisdiction, and, in whatever capacity he has been called, gave his heart to the work, laboring faithfully and earnestly to promulgate the great doctrines of our Order. We miss him from our councils, but, knowing the man as we did, we know our loss is his gain, and that he is now reaping the reward for his services here below. May we remember his example and cherish his memory!

Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, presented the appeal of Ajalon Lodge, of Pennsylvania, which was referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Chidsey, of Ohio, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Also, the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio in reference to mergement, which was referred to the Legislative Committee.

Also, the action of the Grand Lodge of Ohio in reference to brothers disfranchised by the rebellion, which was referred to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. Carlton, of Ohio, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. White, of Kentucky, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the resolution reported by Rep. Dwinelle from the Committee on the State of the Order, found on page 2676 of the printed Journal for 1856, (denying the right and power of the Noble Grand, or Vice Grand acting as Noble Grand, to waive his right and place a Past Grand in the chair,) be and the same is hereby repealed.

Rep. Gilmore, of Northern New York, addressed the Lodge as follows:

It becomes my melancholy duty officially to announce to you the death of a Past Grand Representative of this R. W. Grand Lodge, during the past year.

Past Grand Master Edward Whalen, of Northern New York, departed this life on the first day of May, 1862.

Brother Whalen was a man of few words, unobtrusive in his character, but possessing high social qualities which exercised a controlling influence with his compeers. He discharged with great fidelity the high offices and trusts conferred upon him by his own Grand Lodge, and by his career exemplified the great principles of our Order.

In his death society has lost an ornament, and humanity a friend, who by strict integrity in all his relations in life—both as an Odd-Fellow and a citizen—won the esteem and confidence of all who knew him.

He was an affectionate husband and a kind and tender parent, an upright citizen, and an honest man, and his memory will be kindly cherished and kept green in the hearts of those who possessed his friendship.

Rep. Dolson, of Canada West, presented the Constitution and Rules of Order of Union Encampment, of that jurisdiction; and also the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, which were referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

The hour of ten having arrived, the Chair announced the Lodge at recess, for the purpose of repairing to the Front Street Theatre, to take part, under the invitation of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, in the ceremonies to be had in that place commemorative of the life and services of Past Grand Sire Wildey.

ONE O'CLOCK.

The Grand Lodge now re-assembled.

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the very able eulogy so eloquently delivered by our R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, on the life and labors of P. G. Sire Wildey, has added to the many obligations our whole Order is already under to James L. Ridgely for his ever ready advocacy, support, and defence of Odd-Fellowship.

Resolved, That Bro. Ridgely be requested to publish the eulogy this day delivered as an appendix to the Journal of this session.

The Grand Secretary presented a communication from Grand Secretary Willard, of Illinois, touching the claim of the Grand Lodge of the United States against P. D. D. Grand Sire Constable, of that jurisdiction.

Rep. Davies, of Southern New York, rose to a question of privilege. He stated that certain matters had occurred in the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, relating to charges preferred against him, of which said Grand Lodge had fully and entirely exonerated him; that this morning he heard that a printed paper was in the hands of several Representatives purporting to be an appeal from the action of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, but could not hear of any one who had it to present; he therefore appealed to this R. W. Grand Body to waive all informalities and to receive and act thereon as if it came legally before them.

By general consent the appeal was received and referred to the Committee on Appeals.

Rep. Davies, of Southern New York, then tendered his resignation as Chairman of the Committee on Appeals.

The Grand Lodge refused to accept the resignation, but on motion of Rep. Barry, of Indiana, the appeal was taken from the Committee on Appeals and referred to a special committee of three.

The Chair named the following as the special committee: Reps. Escavaille, of Maryland; Stokes, of Pennsylvania; Buckley, of New Jersey.

The Lodge now proceeded to the special order of the day, viz: the nomination and election of Grand Officers, when the following nominations were made for the office of M. W. Grand Sire:

By Rep. Davies, of S. N. Y. .....P. G. M. M. Herndon, of Ind.
By Rep. Sanders, of N. N. Y.....P. G. M. D. Gilmore, of N. N. Y.
By Rep. Stokes, of Pa.....P. G. M. J. B. Nicholson, of Pa.
By Rep. Krogman, of Mass.....P. G. M. I. M. Veitch, of Mo.
By Rep. Buckley, of N. J.....P. G. M. G. W. Cassedy, of N. J.
By Rep. Bugbee, of Mich.....P. G. M. B. W. Dennis, of Mich.

The nominations being closed the Chair named Reps. Chidsey, of Ohio, and Terwilliger, of Northern New York, as tellers, and the Lodge proceeded to the election.

The tellers reported that fifty-four ballots had been cast, of which number—

P. G. M. Herndon	received	10 votes.
P. G. M. Gilmore	"	6 votes.
P. G. M. Nicholson	"	17 votes.
P. G. M. Veitch	"	11 votes.
P. G. M. Cassedy	"	8 votes.
P. G. M. Dennis	"	2 votes.

There being no election, the names of P. G. M. Gilmore, of North-

ern New York, and P. G. M. Dennis, of Michigan, were withdrawn by leave of the Lodge, and the Lodge proceeded again to election.

The tellers having received the votes of the Representatives, reported that fifty-five ballots had been cast, of which number—

P. G. M. Herndon received.....10 votes.
P. G. M. Nicholson " .....26 votes.
P. G. M. Veitch " .....11 votes.
P. G. M. Cassedy " ..... 8 votes.

Whereupon no election was had, and the Lodge again proceeded to the election.

P. G. M. Dennis asked and obtained leave to withdraw the name of P. G. M. Herndon.

The tellers, having received the votes of the Representatives, reported that fifty-five ballots had been cast, of which number—

P. G. M. Nicholson received.....38 votes.
P. G. M. Cassedy " ..... 5 votes.
P. G. M. Veitch " .....12 votes.

Whereupon the Chair announced that P. G. M. J. B. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, having received a majority of the votes cast, was the duly elected M. W. Grand Sire for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to nominations for the office of R. W. D. G. Sire, when the following were made:

By Rep. Lamb, of N. J.....P. G. M. B. W. Dennis, of Mich.
By Rep. Herr, of Ill.....P. G. M. Hanna, of Ill.
By Rep. Porter, of Mass.....P. G. M. Pinckney, of S. N. Y.
By Rep. Krogman, of Mass.....P. G. M. Kidder, of N. H.
By Rep. Wright, of Wis.....P. G. M. H. O. Wilson, of Wis.
By Rep. Veitch, of Mo.....P. G. M. W. H. Young, of Md.
By Rep. Escavaille, of Md.....P. G. M. D. Gilmore, of N. N. Y.

The nominations being closed, the Lodge proceeded to the election.

The tellers, having received the votes of the Representatives, reported that fifty-three ballots had been cast, of which number—

P. G. M. Dennis received..... 6 votes.
P. G. M. Gilmore " ..... 8 votes.
P. G. M. Hanna " ..... 2 votes.
P. G. M. Pinckney " ..... 3 votes.
P. G. M. Kidder " .....11 votes.
P. G. M. Wilson " ..... 3 votes.
P. G. M. W. H. Young " .....20 votes.

Whereupon no election was had, and the Lodge again proceeded to the election.

Reps. Wilson, of Wisconsin, and Hanna, of Illinois, asked and had leave to withdraw their names.

The tellers, having received the votes of the Representatives, reported that fifty-one ballots had been cast, of which number—

P. G. M. W. H. Young	received.....	26 votes.
P. G. M. Gilmore	"	6 votes.
P. G. M. Pinckney	"	2 votes.
P. G. M. Kidder	"	9 votes.
P. G. M. Dennis	"	8 votes.

Whereupon the Chair announced that P. G. M. W. H. Young, of Maryland, having received a majority of all the votes cast, was the duly elected R. W. Deputy Sire for the ensuing term.

The Lodge now proceeded to nominations for the office of R. W. G. Corresponding and Recording Secretary, when the following was made

By Rep. Boydson, of Nebraska....P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Mc

The nominations being closed, the tellers received the ballots, an reported that all the ballots had been cast for P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Maryland.

Whereupon the Chair announced that P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Maryland, having received a majority of the votes cast, was the duly elected R. W. G. Corresponding and Recording Secretary for the ensuing term.

The Lodge then proceeded to nominations for R. W. G. Treasurer, when the following was made:

By Rep. Gilmore, of N. N. Y.....P. G. M. J. Vansant, of Maryland.

The nominations being closed, the Lodge proceeded to the election, when the tellers reported that all the votes had been cast for P. G. M. Joshua Vansant, and the Chair announced that P. G. M. Joshua Vansant was the duly elected Grand Treasurer for the ensuing term.

Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be requested to inquire into and report upon the practicability of providing for the admission to membership of those brothers who have been deprived of the ordinary means of proving their qualification by the present distracted condition of the country.

Also the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Legislative Committee be requested to inquire and report upon the propriety of modifying the present restrictive law in relation to persons acquiring membership in jurisdictions adjacent to their residence.

Rep. Hayden, of California, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of California be and the same is hereby extended over the Territory of Nevada.

Rep. Rowell, of New Hampshire, presented the amended constitution of the Grand Encampment of New Hampshire, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Krogman, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hold a secret session this evening at half past seven o'clock, for the exemplification of the secret work of the Order.

Rep. Davies, of Southern New York, moved to amend by striking out "this evening" and inserting "Wednesday," which was agreed to, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

The R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary presented his supplemental report, as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, asks leave very respectfully to submit the following supplemental report:

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *of Receipts by the Grand Secretary after the close of his Annual Report, up to and including September* 15, 1862.

GRAND LODGES.	Cards.	Books.	Miscellaneous.	Repres. tax.	Total.
Massachusetts	.....	.....	.....	$150 00	$150 00
Wisconsin	$41 80	$17 00	15	150 00	208 95
Northern New York	30 00	15 00	.....	150 00	195 00
Connecticut	.....	7 50	.....	150 00	157 50
Minnesota	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Southern New York	20 00	.....	.....	150 00	170 00
Iowa	.....	.....	.....	50 00	50 00
Maine	.....	.....	.....	150 00	150 00
Oregon	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Nebraska	10 00	.....	45	75 00	85 45
Lower Provinces	10 00	3 75	.....	75 00	88 75
District of Columbia	20 00	.....	.....	150 00	170 00
Wheeling Lodge, No. 59, Va.	4 80	.....	.....	.....	4 80
Wildey estate	.....	.....	1000 00	.....	1000 00
	136 60	43 25	1000 60	1400 00	2580 45

SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENT *continued.*

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Dues.	Cards.	Miscellaneous.	Repres. tax.	Total.
Massachusetts	.....	.....	.....	$75 00	$75 00
New Jersey	.....	$4 00	15	75 00	79 15
Northern New York	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Connecticut	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Southern New York	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Maine	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
District of Columbia	.....	.....	.....	75 00	75 00
Green Mount'n Enc't, No. 3, Vt.	$2 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Ellison Enc't, No. 1, Oregon	29 37	.....	.....	.....	29 37
	31 37	4 00	15	525 00	560 52

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Supplies on hand September 16, 1861, *amount received since, amount sold during the year, and amount on hand September* 15, 1862.

	Cards.	Degree of Rebekah.	Charge Books.	Degree Books.	Installation Books.	Institution Books.	Grand Lodge Books.	Encampment Books.	Grand Encam't Books.	Diplomas.	Odes.	Funeral Ceremonies.	Revised Journal.	Forms for Degree Lodges.
On hand Sep. 16, 1861	3,335	880	762	1040	185	192	65	1165	36	733	15,319	....	441	6876
Received during the year.....	15,000	....	400	....	....	100	..	....	..	....	.....	500	....	500
Total.....	18,335	880	1162	1040	185	292	65	1165	36	733	15,319	500	441	7376
Sold during the year.	14,885	56	216	46	25	11	6	44	..	238	3950	4	....	122
On hand Sep. 15, 1862	3,450	824	946	994	160	281	59	1121	36	495	11,369	496	441	7254

AMOUNT OF SUPPLIES *sold from September* 16, 1861, *to September* 15, 1862, *showing cost of each article, selling price, and profits.*

Number of each article sold.	Sold for.	Cost price.	Profit.
Cards, 14,885	$2,977 00	$148 85	$2,828 15
Charge Books, 216	540 00	41 04	498 96
Degree Books, 46	115 00	9 20	105 80
Degree of Rebekah Books, 56	70 00	7 28	62 72
Odes, 3950	197 50	39 50	158 00
Diplomas, 238	128 50	34 96	93 54
Encampment Books, sold 38, to new Encampments 6, 44	95 50	11 00	84 50
Grand Lodge Books, 6	12 00	1 20	10 80
Institution Books, 10 sold, 1 to D. D. G. Sire, 11	12 50	1 87	10 63
Installation Books, 25	25 00	3 25	21 75
Funeral Ceremonies, 4	40	16	24
Forms for Degree Lodges, 122	6 10	1 22	4 88
	$4,179 50	$299 53	$3,879 97

TOTAL RECEIPTS.

Balance	Statement	$182 82	
			$182 82
Dues	Statement	244 91	
	Supplementary	31 37	
			276 28
Cards	Statement	2,799 01	
	Supplementary	140 60	
			2,939 60
Books	Statement	823 25	
	Supplementary	43 25	
			866 50
Odes	Statement	162 50	
			162 50
Diplomas	Statement	110 50	
			110 50
Representative Tax	Statement	3,175 00	
	Supplementary	1,925 00	
			5,100 00
Miscellaneous	Statement	3 90	
	Supplementary	1,000 75	
			1,004 85
Total			$10,642 65

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *G. Cor. and Rec. Sec'ry.*

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1862.

LODGES.	No. of Lodges.	No. of initiations.	No. of rejections.	No. admitted by card.	No. withdrawn by card.	No. of reinstatements.	No. of suspensions.	No. of expulsions
G. L. Maryland.....	91	273	34	24	57	56	900	13
G. L. Massachusetts...	58	124	5	14	33	24	262	3
G. L. S. New York....	106	343	7	67	83	17	648	6
G. L. Pennsylvania ...	483	1636	106	211	269	221	3492	66
G. L. Dis. of Columbia	10	97	5	10	7	18	132	1
G. L. Delaware	27	96	8	12	21	14	.....	1
G. L. Ohio	351	787	.....	294	535	49	.....	1337
G. L. Louisiana*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. New Jersey	85	269	12	20	26	29	452	17
G. L. Kentucky.....	110	90	11	32	71	15	288	7
G. L. Virginia*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Indiana	201	410	44	161	226	29	580	38
G. L. Mississippi*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Missouri	119	110	9	38	113	40	701	15
G. L. Illinois.....	237	626	32	309	362	228	1606	28
G. L. Connecticut.....	23	43	.....	12	14	7	97	.....
G. L. Texas*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Tennessee	65	159	29	66	85	52	160	146
G L. South Carolina*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Alabama*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. North Carolina*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Georgia*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Maine.....	24	77	.....	6	3	2	81	79
G. L. New Hampshire	22	118	2	4	5	4	88	10
G. L. Michigan	65	211	21	26	40	35	132	9
G. L. Wisconsin.....	56	159	13	33	33	12	147	32
G. L. Vermont*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Iowa.....	104	195	11	65	104	44	255	16
G. L. Arkansas*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Rhode Island ...	13	9	.....	.....	7	3	61	.....
G. L. N. New York ...	497	375	27	45	77	81	509	5
G. L. Florida*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Minnesota ..,. ...	9	18	1	19	8	1	41	2
G. L. California	108	713	91	274	443	83	518	23
G. L. L. Pro. B. N. A..	4	10	.....	1	1	1	7	.....
G. L. Canada West....	15	92	5	7	27	3	63	29
G. L. Oregon.....	10	35	11	18	34	6	15	2
G. L. Nebraska	4	27	5	15	9	23	27	16
G L. Kansas.....	10	34	7	18	20	4	43	.....
Sandwich Islands	1	5	.....	3	12	.....	2	1
New Mexico *.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	2908	7131	496	1804	2725	1101	11,307	1902

* No report.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1862, *continued.*

LODGES.	No. of deaths.	No. of members.	No. of brothers relieved.	No. of widowed families relieved.	Amount paid for the relief of brothers.	Am't paid for the relief of widowed families.
G. L. Maryland.....	113	11,199	1802	134	$28,541 38	$16,880 71
G. L. Massachusetts...	34	4308	401	150	9,118 78	2,906 09
G. L. S. New York....	111	6980	1415	337	25,503 92	4,876 72
G. L. Pennsylvania ...	353	38,564	5078	441	82,988 64	7,694 38
G. L. Dis. of Columbia	26	1270	240	21	3,230 00	840 47
G. L. Delaware	20	1742	102	12	2,404 00	184 00
G. L. Ohio	186	20,626	1846	355	26,640 01	4,975 99
G. L. Louisiana*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. New Jersey	46	4523	525	65	8,744 34	1,098 13
G. L. Kentucky	39	3890	343	106	6,628 10	1,432 05
G. L. Virginia*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Indiana	93	8328	946	80	12,408 20	1,112 02
G. L. Mississippi*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Missouri	31	3111	272	93	5,106 20	2,273 70
G. L. Illinois	80	6248	396	64	4,818 46	935 59
G. L. Connecticut.....	4	1441	119	8	3,981 62	179 81
G. L. Texas*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Tennessee.....	23	1939	.....	.....	1,588 55	2,047 30
G. L. South Carolina*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Alabama*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. North Carolina*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Georgia*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Maine	11	1171	92	12	2,610 00	144 00
G. L. New Hampshire	24	1676	129	5	2,775 02	74 50
G. L. Michigan	10	1820	50	14	539 27	147 00
G. L. Wisconsin	11	1948	11	7	287 75	235 00
G. L. Vermont*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Iowa.....	34	2776	118	19	1,097 81	357 75
G. L. Arkansas*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Rhode Island....	7	605	49	11	1,347 69	238 30
G. L. N. New York...	53	5340	413	53	6,721 30	834 33
G. L. Florida*..... ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Minnesota	3	275	6	1	58 00	22 00
G. L. California	43	5597	652	32	2336 60	1713 87
G. L. L. Pro. B. N. A.	2	171	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Canada West....	4	500	.....	16	211 50	501 50
G. L. Oregon.....	.....	350	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Nebraska.....	1	122	13	1	151 00	24 00
G. L. Kansas	3	652	34	.....	135 60	.....
Sandwich Islands	1	56	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Mexico*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	1366	137,236	15,052	2037	$239,973 74	$51,729 21

*No report.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1862, *continued.*

LODGES.	Amount paid for the education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total relief.	Amount of the annual receipts.
G. L. Maryland.....	$3,906 73	$8,733 91	$59,062 73	$85,788 82
G. L. Massachusetts...	.....	1,170 00	15,571 78	20,989 26
G. L. S. New York....	497 23	4,429 70	35,307 57	57,698 75
G. L. Pennsylvania....	272 40	19,349 75	110,305 17	206,522 54
G. L. Dis. of Columbia	547 20	582 00	5,199 67	8,477 61
G. L. Delaware.....	.....	672 00	3,260 00	8,243 60
G. L. Ohio	146 95	3,963 50	35,726 45	82,978 34
G. L. Louisiana*	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. New Jersey	297 51	1,883 50	12,023 48	28,048 87
G. L. Kentucky	297 41	1,491 85	9,849 41	18,766 41
G. L. Virginia*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Indiana..... ...	1,015 13	2,993 75	17,529 10	58,171 23
G. L. Mississippi*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Missouri	1,249 45	1,365 40	9,994 75	18,035 26
G. L. Illinois	111 45	1,371 38	7,236 88	33,855 95
G. L. Connecticut.....	5 50	328 00	4,494 93	9,995 21
G. L. Texas*	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Tennessee	.....	650 28	4,286 13	9.857 71
G. L. South Carolina*	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Alabama*	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. North Carolina*	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Georgia*	.....	....	.....	.....
G. L. Maine	.....	262 00	3,016 00	4,870 00
G. L. New Hampshire	.....	645 00	3,494 52	2,060 00
G. L. Michigan	44 10	112 50	842 87	7,862 20
G. L. Wisconsin	.....	330 00	852 75	5,803 64
G. L. Vermont*	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Iowa.....	22 40	453 10	1,931 06	11,911 93
G. L. Arkansas*	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Rhode Island....	1 58	200 00	1,782 92	2,950 73
G. L. N. New York ...	13 97	1,164 25	8,733 85	24,551 59
G. L Florida*	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Minnesota.....	.....	30 00	117 25	1,209 26
G. L. California	95 63	2,760 49	27,931 59	129,764 18
G. L. L. Pro. B. N. A.	.....	.....	.....	.....
G. L. Canada West....	.....	90 00	803 00	3,239 32
G. L. Oregon.....	.....	.....	.....	3,592 00
G. L. Nebraska	.....	.....	175 00	787 52
G. L. Kansas.....	.....	90 00	435 60	2,271 04
Sandwich Islands	.....	.....	.....	1,504 13
New Mexico*.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	$8,524 64	$55,132 36	$379,964 46	$849,806 50

* No report.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1862

ENCAMPMENTS.	No. of Encampments.	No. of initiations.	No. of rejections.	No. admitted by card.	No. withdrawn by card.	No. of reinstatements.	No. of suspensions.	No. of expulsions.	No. of deaths.	No. of members.	No. of members relieved.	No. of wid'd families relieved.
G. E. Maryland.	10	17	2	4	2	4	74	... ..	21	1324	250	14
G. E. Pennsylvania ...	86	101	1	9	36	28	367	4	39	4648	642	38
G. E. S. New York ...	12	26	2	2	5	1	35	.....	8	414	42	3
G. E. Ohio.....	86	162	6	20	70	12	4	217	35	3989	436	6
G. E. Kentucky.....	21	15	2	1	10	4	20	.. ...	14	574	62	...
G. E. Virginia*.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.. ...	.....	.....	.....	...
G. E. Connecticut.....	5	9	...	...	...	...	6	.....	3	358	11	..
G. E. New Jersey	14	17	...	1	1	1	29	.....	6	341	35	...
G. E. South Carolina*	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
G. E. Massachusetts ...	14	24	1	1	9	4	29	1	3	741	54	3
G. E. Maine.....	6	7	...	...	...	...	8	.....	2	188	5	...
G. E. New Hampshire	6	31	...	...	3	...	7	1	1	279	11	1
G. E. Missouri	28	51	2	5	20	14	77	.....	9	522	8	6
G. E. Dis. of Columbia	4	21	...	...	3	3	25	1	7	305	47	1
G. E. Georgia*	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
G. E. North Carolina*	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
G. E. Indiana	59	76	2	8	27	7	78	6	20	1675	164	3
G. E. Michigan	6	4	...	...	...	1	4	.....	.....	79	.....	...
G. E. Tennessee	18	76	1	5	4	...	55	3	4	309	17	...
G. E. Mississippi*.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
G. E. Louisiana*	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
G. E. Alabama*	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
G. E. Wisconsin	11	9	...	...	3	...	.....	4	2	154	.....	...
G. E. Rhode Island....	6	9	...	...	3	1	34	.....	1	167	1	...
G. E. N. N. New York	76	67	1	...	12	11	47	.....	10	580	38	1
G. E. Illinois.....	40	62	1	16	20	2	149	6	7	962	5	2
G. E. Iowa.....	14	6	...	1	6	1	22	.....	1	299	11	...
G. E. Texas*	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
G. E. California	22	108	2	27	68	4	61	.....	1	75	50	1
Delaware †	4	.....	...	1	...	...	.....	.....	1	114	9	...
Sandwich Islands	1	2	...	1	...	7	.....	.....	1	24	.....	...
Arkansas*.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Vermont‡	2	6	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	24	.....	...
Florida*.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Minnesota *	1	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
L. Provinces B. N. A..	1	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...
Oregon	1	5	...	...	...	...	5	.....	.....	35	.....	...
Kansas	1	3	...	...	1	...	.....	.....	.....	40	.....	...
Canada West	1	1	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	23	.....	...
Nebraska	1	12	...	...	1	...	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	...
	557	927	23	102	304	105	1136	243	196	18,228	1898	79

* No reports. † Two reported. ‡ One reported.

ANNUAL REPORT *of Grand and Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year ending June* 30, 1862, *continued.*

ENCAMPMENTS.	Amount paid for the relief of Patriarchs.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.	Am't paid for educ'n orp'ns	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total relief.	Amount of annual receipts.
G. E. Maryland	$4385 00	$600 00	...	$1354 12	$6879 12	$8419 18
G. E. Pennsylvania ..	9536 30	543 50	...	1809 00	11,888 80	20,156 92
G. E. S. New York ..	1298 57	45 00	...	92 50	1436 07	1861 48
G. E. Ohio	6641 81	36 00	...	465 00	7141 81	14,701 02
G. E. Kentucky.....	566 00	.....	...	121 60	687 60	1888 15
G. E. Virginia*.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Connecticut	216 00	.....	...	60 00	276 00	.....
G. E. New Jersey.....	350 89	.....	...	75 00	425 89	905 68
G. E. S. Carolina*...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Massachusetts .	1150 00	45 00	...	50 00	1361 55	3329 70
G. E. Maine	186 00	.....	...	.....	186 00	534 00
G. E. N. Hampshire..	83 00	20 00	...	.....	103 00	462 53
G. E. Missouri.....	211 00	56 00	...	.....	267 00	1353 96
G. E. Dis. Columbia.	453 00	16 25	...	90 00	559 25	1079 15
G. E. Georgia*	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
G. E. N. Carolina*...	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Indiana	1889 00	40 00	...	371 85	2300 85	6038 48
G. E. Michigan	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	92 80
G. E. Tennessee.....	123 00	.....	...	.....	123 00	1778 65
G. E. Mississippi*....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Louisiana*	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Alabama*	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
G. E. Wisconsin	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
G E. Rhode Island..	14 00	.....	...	20 00	34 00	562 00
G. E. N. New York...	469 00	5 00	...	100 00	574 00	1834 88
G. E. Illinois	16 00	17 75	...	30 00	63 75	1165 96
G. E. Iowa	52 75	.....	...	.....	52 75	482 89
G. E. Texas*	... .	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
G. E. California	1652 50	451 00	...	70 00	2173 50	11,405 22
Delaware†....	.....	.....	...	55 00	63 00	362 65
Sandwich Islands.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	301 13
Arkansas*	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
Vermont ‡	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	30 00
Florida*.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
Minnesota *	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
L. Provinces B. N. A.	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....
Oregon.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	293 75
Kansas	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	94 75
Canada West	..... .	.....	...	.....	.....	29 00
Nebraska	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	156 25
	29,293 82	1,875 50	000	4,764 07	36,596 94	80,220 18

* No report. † Two reported. ‡ One reported.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to report whether, under the provisions of the fourteenth article of the By-Laws, the possession of the A. T. P. W. is a necessary qualification by an applicant for membership by deposit of card.

Rep. Archer, of Missouri, addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: It is made my painful duty to announce to this body the death of Past Grand Representative Samuel H. Bailey, formerly of the jurisdiction of Missouri, who died at St. Louis, December 12th, 1861, aged 44 years.

Brother Bailey served the jurisdiction of Missouri as Representative on this floor for several successive sessions, having first been elected to that position in the year 1853. He was an able and efficient Representative, and a true and zealous Odd-Fellow.

In all the relations of life he exemplified the teachings of our Order, and his death has left a void in our councils which cannot be filled.

On motion of Rep. Davies, of Southern New York, the consideration of pending amendments to the Constitution was made the special order for to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: The duty devolves upon me to announce to the Grand Lodge the death of Past Grand Representative Benjamin F. Crane, which occurred suddenly on the 30th day of November last.

Past Grand Representative Crane filled many important offices of honor and trust in the Grand Lodge of Missouri, which body he represented at several sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

He was a devoted Odd-Fellow, a good and honest man, whose memory will be cherished by the Order in Missouri, with whose interests and prosperity he was intimately and earnestly identified for many years.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the subject of the insecure method of delivering Visiting Cards which prevails in some jurisdictions be referred to the Legislative Committee, with instructions to report such law as will correct the present practice.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which was referred to a committee of one member from each Grand Jurisdiction represented:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge in the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be and they are hereby instructed to bring before that Grand Body, at its next annual session, the fitness, propriety, and justice of the erection of such a monument to the memory of Past Grand

Sire Wildey as shall be alike worthy of his eminent character, as the father and founder of American Odd-Fellowship, and becoming the supreme legislative head of the Order, over whose deliberations he so long and so ably presided; and, in furtherance of this object, that the co-operation of all sister jurisdictions be invited, to the end that the offering may be the spontaneous and united tribute of the brotherhood at large.

On motion of Rep. Sanders, of Northern New York, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

MILTON HERNDON.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, presiding.
B. W. DENNIS.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT .....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. E. M. P. WELLS.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
W. H. H. PRALL.....R. W. Grand Marshal, *p. t.*
SOLOMON H. LEWYT.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. E. M. P. Wells, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*, proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On motion of Rep. Terwilliger, of Northern New York, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Chair named the following as the special committee provided for in the resolution of Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, touching the Wildey monument:

Reps. Ellis, of Maryland; Pinckney, of Southern New York; Lamb, of New Jersey; Hanna, of Illinois; Sanders, of Northern New York; Fuller, of Lower Provinces; Stokes, of Pennsylvania; Bugbee, of Michigan; Porter, of Massachusetts; Leech, of Iowa; Logan, of Kansas; Chidsey, of Ohio; White, of Kentucky; Kidder, of New Hampshire; Hollins, of Connecticut; Conningham, of Oregon; Hayden, of California; Hyland, of Delaware; Doe, of Maine; McCarty, of Indiana; Veitch, of Missouri; Brown, of the District of Columbia; Hoag, of Minnesota; Wilson, of Wisconsin; Armington, of Rhode Island; Boydston, of Nebraska; Dolson, of Canada West.

Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was read, and, with the resolutions accompanying, adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order respectfully beg leave to report: That so much of the Acting Grand Sire's report as relates to the difficulty which has arisen in the jurisdiction of Illinois in relation to taxation, has also reached this body upon the appeal of A. C. Marsh and others, and being now in the hands of the Committee on Appeals, no action thereon by the Committee on the State of the Order is required.

The decision of the Acting Grand Sire in answer to the inquiry from Illinois, in relation to the admission of brothers to membership without a withdrawal card, is a reiteration of the existing law upon that subject. The subject-matter having been referred to the Legislative Committee for the purpose of inquiring into the expediency of so modifying the present law as to enable the worthy brothers to affiliate themselves, who, through no fault of theirs, are now debarred from the privilege, will no doubt receive at the hands of that committee the consideration due to a subject of such vital interest.

The committee recommend that the decisions made by the Acting Grand Sire upon the questions submitted by the Grand Master of Delaware be confirmed.

The action of the Acting Grand Sire and of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary in relation to the establishment of "*genuine Odd-Fellowship*" in Australia will no doubt meet the hearty and cordial approbation of every lover of our Order. The committee trust that the hopes now entertained may be fully realized, and that the efforts already made will be followed by such persistent exertions as will place the Order in Australia under the fostering care of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The committee respectfully submit the following resolutions, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject:

Resolved, That the decisions of the Acting Grand Sire upon the interrogatories propounded by the Grand Master of Delaware be and they are hereby approved.

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Sire and of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary upon the establishment of the I. O. O. F. in Australia meets the concurrence of this Grand Lodge.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
T. B. McCARTY,
W. CHIDSEY,
JAMES P. SANDERS.

Rep. Burnham, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance have examined the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct and in proper form, each item of expenditure being accompanied with the proper voucher.

The amount in the Treasury, as shown by the Report of the Grand Treasurer for the session of 1861, was	$6,679 36
Amount received by the Grand Secretary, during the year, from all sources, and paid over to the Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts	10,642 85
Amount received from Grand Lodge of Maine, in payment of note and interest	53 00
Amount received from Grand Encampment of Wisconsin, interest on note	3 71
	$17,378 92
Expenditures for all purposes	9,216 27
Balance in Treasury	$8,162 65

The assets of the Grand Lodge are as follows:

Cash on hand as above	$8,162 65
Supplies at selling prices	12,368 50
Note of the Grand Encampment of Wisconsin	75 00
Note of the Grand Encampment of North Carolina	176 00
Total assets	$20,782 15

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
J. W. STOKES,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
JOSEPH KIDDER,
F. A. ELLIS.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read, and, with the accompanying resolutions, adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred so much of the report of the Grand Treasurer as refers to the manner of keeping and depositing the funds of the Grand Lodge, beg leave to report that, in the opinion of the committee, it would be wise and judicious on the part of this Body to adopt some regulation on the subject, and submit the following resolutions, and recommend their adoption:

Resolved, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to deposit the funds of the Grand Lodge, as may from time to time be received, in one or more of the Banks of the city or town in which he may reside, where the same may be deemed secure, and to be deposited in the name of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.—and the Grand Treasurer shall only draw the funds deposited on his official check, and for the payment of such bills as may be certified by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

Resolved, That if the Grand Treasurer, in conjunction with such of the Grand Officers with whom he may be able to confer, shall deem such deposit unsafe, he may withdraw the deposits, and place the same where they may be deemed secure.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
JOSEPH KIDDER,
J. W. STOKES,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
F. A. ELLIS.

Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which, with the resolutions accompanying, was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred that part of the R. W. Grand Secretary's report relating to the Wildey loan, respectfully report, that it appears by the report of the Grand Secretary that the balance due this R. W. Grand Lodge by P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey at the time of his decease, was $6,661 50, being the balance upon the loan of $8,000 made to him in the year 1848 free of interest during his lifetime.

There has been, since the commencement of the present session, $1,000 paid to the R. W. G. Treasurer on account of the said balance, which will be included in the settlement of that officer's accounts at the present session.

The balance, with interest from his death, is secured by mortgage and judgment upon real estate; but, in view of a necessity that may arise in the collection of said money, it is highly proper that the R. W. G. Treasurer should be clothed with full power and authority for that purpose.

Your committee therefore offer the following resolutions, and recommend their adoption:

Resolved, That Joshua Vansant, R. W. G. Treasurer, be and he is hereby appointed attorney in fact of this Grand Lodge, with power to take such steps as he may deem advisable for the collection of the debt due by the estate of Thomas Wildey, and to execute on behalf of this Grand Lodge such releases, acquittances or assignments upon payment of the same, as may be necessary to discharge the said debt; and that the proper officers of this Grand Lodge are hereby authorized to execute, under the seal of this Grand Lodge, such letters of attorney or other legal paper as may be necessary to confer the power hereby directed upon the R. W. G. Treasurer.

Resolved, That upon the payment of the said debt to the R. W. G. Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the M. W. G. Sire, G. C. and R. Secretary and G. Treasurer are hereby authorized to invest the same in such securities as in their judgment may be safe and reliable.

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
J. W. STOKES,
JOSEPH KIDDER,
F. A. ELLIS,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM.

Rep. Davies, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which, with the accompanying resolution, was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of Ajalon Lodge, No. 282, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of

Pennsylvania, in requiring said Lodge to pay the benefits of John Aikens to his widow, beg leave to report:

The appellants admit that John Aikens became beneficial in September, 1847, and continued unable to pursue his usual occupation from thenceforth until March, 1860, when he died in the almshouse, whither he had gone in October, 1858; that the Lodge continued to pay him benefits until June, 1859, and only discontinued them because he had entered the almshouse against their desire. They also state that the law of the Grand Lodge requires the party aggrieved to appeal within three months of the cause of grievance, otherwise the claim is barred.

From these facts the following questions are submitted, to which we annex our replies:

1. Can a member who becomes a charge upon the public at the same time claim benefits from the Lodge?

Answer.—Yes; and your committee only see in his destitute and dependent condition the greater reason why he should have had them. As to his maintenance, by public tax, in a poor-house, this Grand Lodge, in the case of lunatics, received into public asylums, has decided that they will not argue the question of their claims upon the sympathies and benevolence of the Order, for the idea of withholding these because they are maintained at public expense is too revolting to our sense of fraternal obligation.

2. Was not the claim barred by the three months' limitation law?

Answer.—No; the Lodge admitted his right to, and his claim for, and paid him benefits after he had entered the almshouse in October, 1858—though against their desire—until June, 1859. The benefits were not withheld because he ceased to claim, but because the Lodge refused to pay them any longer. They had until a short time acknowledged the justice of his claim, and they cannot, by this plea, take advantage of their own wrong in having refused to pay the benefits.

3. Is a Lodge bound to pay a brother who is sick weekly benefits, if they are not allowed to visit him as a relief committee, or he fails to furnish a certificate in conformity to their law?

Answer. In this case it is. The Lodge admits that he continued unable to pursue his usual occupation from September, 1847, until the time of his death. They paid him benefits while in the almshouse for eight months—from October, 1858, until June, 1859—although they admit in their argument that "no committee was allowed to visit Bro. Aikens while he was in the almshouse, nor did he ever furnish the Lodge with the required certificate." The fact that the Lodge knew his disability, and admitted his right to, and paid him benefits for eight months, shows that they did not consider the privilege to visit him, or a certificate, essential in his case, and it cannot be set up in bar of the widow's claim. The committee, therefore, offer the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in the

case of Sarah Aikens, widow of John Aikens, against Ajalon Lodge, No. 282, be affirmed.

JOHN J. DAVIES,
E. H. BARRY,
IRA C. DOE,
NATHL. ADAMS.

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was read, and on motion of Rep. Hanna, of Illinois, was laid on the table until to-morrow morning:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Appeals, to whom was referred the appeal of A. C. Marsh and others from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, assessing a capitation tax of seventy-five cents on each member of every Subordinate Lodge in that jurisdiction, would respectfully report:

We find, upon examination of all the documents, that the Grand Lodge of Illinois does not expressly provide, in its Constitution or By-Laws, any mode for raising revenue for its necessary expenses, or for paying mileage and per diem to the representatives; that the expenses and payment of the officers and representatives have been provided for by a capitation tax, assessed by resolution at the annual sessions upon the members of the Subordinates. This tax, though it has reached in some instances ninety cents *per capita*, has failed to meet its expenses and pay the representatives. Such was the condition of its finances at its last session that the Grand Master, in his report, stated "that it would need all the fiscal ability of the Grand Body to prevent utter insolvency." The Grand Secretary also, by circular, had notified the Lodges that the amount in the treasury would be wholly insufficient to allow the usual payment of mileage and per diem; and that the representatives and officers attending the session be prepared to meet the larger share, or all, of their expenses themselves.

This being the condition of the Treasury, the Committee on Finance submitted a resolution that "as there was no law defining any compensation for officers or members, the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to report only the names of members, and number of days in attendance, and distance travelled, without providing any compensation therefor," which was adopted.

It is true there was no positive law defining any compensation for officers or members; but as the Constitution provided for a Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, and prescribes their duties, which, in addition to those above quoted, is one requiring that "they shall report the amount due to each officer and representative under the laws," this is an implied provision that the officers and representatives should be paid; and the custom had been, up to the time of this appeal, to determine the rate of mileage and per diem by resolution, and raise the necessary funds to pay them by the assessment of a *per capita* tax. Upon this understanding of the evident intent of the Constitution, which the adoption of the above resolution could not evade or render nugatory—for the Constitution itself provides that it can only be al-

tered or amended by a proposition submitted at one annual communication, and to be acted on at the next—another resolution was adopted instructing the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem "to compute the per diem at two dollars per day, and mileage at the rate of eight cents per mile one way." Subsequent to this the Committee on Finance reported a resolution "that the capitation tax for the fiscal year be assessed at thirty cents per member. On motion, the resolution was amended by striking out thirty and inserting seventy-five, and was in this form adopted.

It is from this action that the appeal is taken, on the ground that "it is taxing the members of the Subordinates to an amount not contemplated by the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Lodge." It is only necessary, to show the untenableness of this position, to state that the Constitution does, by providing for a Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, and requiring them to report the amount due to each, contemplate the payment of officers and representatives; and the only mode for raising revenue for this purpose has been by a capitation tax on the members of Subordinates; and the Grand Lodge, composed of the immediate representatives of the Subordinates, are alone qualified to determine the amount necessary to be levied.

It is an inherent power in all corporate and kindred bodies to provide for their support and existence, whether such power be expressed or not in their organic law; and the right of a Grand Lodge to raise revenue for its legitimate purposes by assessment on its Subordinates has been admitted and approved by this R. W. Grand Lodge. We therefore beg leave to offer the following for adoption:

Resolved, That the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois, in the above case, be affirmed, and the appeal of A. C. Marsh and others be dismissed.

JOHN J. DAVIES,
E. H. BARRY,
WM. H. HOPKINS,
IRA C. DOE,
NATHL. ADAMS.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was read, and on motion of Rep. Logan, of Kansas, was laid on the table until to-morrow:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the appeal of Empire Lodge, No. 64, I. O. O. F., against the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, have given the subject mature consideration, and here present the facts as presented.

P. G. Robert Glenn, a member of Empire Lodge, No. 64, I. O. O. F., of Southern New York, died February 17, 1856. On the 12th May Mrs. Glenn (widow of Robert Glenn) applied for funeral benefit. The Lodge declined paying, and so notified Mrs. Glenn by letter, bearing date May 12, 1856, as appears by her own acknowledgment in let-

ter dated May 19, 1856, in answer to one received from the Lodge, in which she again applied for funeral benefit. Her communication was referred to the committee on correspondence, who, after examination, reported that she was not entitled to benefits, for the reason of his *very premature* death, not giving any facts to warrant the objection to pay her claim. The committee forwarded Mrs. Glenn a copy of their report, which we believe was duly received. From said time up to 25th January, 1858, it appears no claim was made; but on said 25th January, 1858, a communication was addressed to the Lodge by L. G. Tillotson, in behalf of Mrs. Glenn, again demanding the funeral benefit. On the 11th February, 1858, answer was made to the last mentioned letter by P. G. Thomas Lawrence over his own signature, but said to be acting by authority and under direction of the Lodge, reciting the previous action, and stating that she was not entitled to benefits under the circumstances of the case. Your committee have no evidence of any further action by Mrs. Glenn in this matter, until about August, 1861, when an appeal was taken from the action of the Lodge to the Grand Lodge. Which appeal was referred to committee of appeals, who, after consideration, recommended "that Empire Lodge be directed to pay the funeral benefit claimed by Widow Glenn." The Grand Lodge at November Session, 1861, approved and adopted the decision of the committee of appeals.

From said decision Empire Lodge now appeals, upon the ground of limitation, to Art. 2, Sec. 7, of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, to wit: "All appeals from the action of Subordinate Lodges of this Grand Lodge must be made within twelve months after the party feeling aggrieved has been notified of the action of the Lodge in the matter or thing complained of, and no appeal can be entertained by this Grand Lodge except the same be made within the time above mentioned."

It is clearly evident to your committee that the appeal of Widow Glenn from the action of Empire Lodge to the Grand Lodge was not within the limitation, as over two and a half years had elapsed (February 11, 1858, to about August, 1861,) from date of the last action upon the matter by the Lodge, to the time when the appeal was made to the Grand Lodge.

Your committee cannot recognise the right of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, or any other, to disregard its own by-laws, as in this case. To do so would be to open the doors to all latent claims, thereby involving Lodges and Encampments in difficulty and probably ruin.

The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the action of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York in the matter of Widow Glenn against Empire Lodge, No. 64, be reversed.

WM. H. HOPKINS,
E. H. BARRY,
IRA C. DOE,
NATHANIEL ADAMS.

Rep. Adams, of Massachusetts, from the Committeee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table until to-morrow:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your committee, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. E. W. Brunsen, from the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Southern New York, in a case of disability and benefits, have given the subject due consideration, and offer the following as their report:

We find abundant evidence that P. G. E. W. Brunsen was a member of National Lodge, No. 30, in good standing, and that from an injury received February 4, 1860, he was disabled from following his occupation from the above date until the 1st of October following, that he apprized the Lodge of his illness, and the said Lodge acknowledged the same. But National Lodge, when demand was made by Bro. Brunsen for benefits, declined to pay, on the ground that he had not strictly complied with the requirements of the by-laws, viz: "Sending a statement of his condition to the Lodge once each week after his first notice;" and on an appeal of the case to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Southern New York, that Grand Body sustained the action of National Lodge, and dismissed the case..

Your committee, however, are of the opinion that the brother was entitled to his benefits, and that the notice he gave of his sickness, and the acknowledgment by the Lodge of the same, was a virtual compliance with said by-laws, and that his sickness was of such a character as to render it impossible for him to give the weekly notices required by the by-laws. It has been decided by this Grand Lodge that benefits accruing to a brother, and not called for, shall be placed to his credit. We, therefore, recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge direct National Lodge, No 30, of Southern New York, to pay P. G. E. W. Brunsen benefits from the time his illness was reported to said Lodge until the 1st day of October following, hereby reversing the decision of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Southern New York.

E. H. BARRY,
W. H. HOPKINS,
NATHL. ADAMS.

Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, stated that the appeal of Ajalon Lodge from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was so imperfectly drawn as not to fully exhibit the facts of the case and the true grounds of the appeal. As an act of justice to Ajalon Lodge he moved the reconsideration of the report of the committee, which was agreed to, and on his further motion the consideratiou of the subject was postponed until the next session.

Rep. Boydston, of Nebraska, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions would respectfully report, that they have examined the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada West, as amended, and would recommend its approval.

W. L. BOYDSTON,
ERIE J. LEECH,
J. Y. ALLISON,
M. B. SCOTT,
HENRY ARMINGTON.

Also the following report, from the same committee, which was read, and on motion of Rep. Chidsey, of Ohio, was laid on the table until to-morrow:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions would respectfully report, that they have examined carefully the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and find it correct with the exception of article two, section two, which your committee claim to be in contravention of the laws of this Grand Lodge.—*See Digest, page* 363, *item* 8.

Your committee would therefore recommend that the words "for the term during which such Past Grand presided as Noble Grand," occuring in the sixth, seventh, and eighth lines of article two, section two, be stricken out, and the constitution as thus amended be approved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. L. BOYDSTON,
J. Y. ALLISON,
M. B. SCOTT,
HENRY ARMINGTON,
ERIE J. LEECH.

Rep. Armington, of Rhode Island, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Graud Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions respectfully report that they have examined the amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, and find the amendment to be in conformity with the Constitution and Laws of this R. W. Grand Body. Your committee therefore recommend that the same be approved.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. L. BOYDSTON,
HENRY ARMINGTON,
M. B. SCOTT,
J. Y. ALLISON,
ERIE J. LEECH.

Rep. Allison, of Indiana, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to make the following report: We have examined the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F., of the State of New Hampshire, and the Constitution, By-Laws, and Rules of Order of Union Encampment, No. 1, I. O. O. F., of Canada West, and find the same correct, and recommend their approval by this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

W. L. BOYDSTON,
ERIE J. LEECH,
J. T. ALLISON,
M. B. SCOTT,
HENRY ARMINGTON.

Rep. Rowell, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Returns, to whom was referred the returns of the various Grand and Subordinate Bodies under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge, having performed the duty assigned them, ask leave to report that they find the following Grand and Subordinate Lodges correct, viz:

Missouri, Tennessee, Indiana, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Maine, Southern New York, Canada West, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Connecticut, Illinois, Michigan, Rhode Island, Kansas, Oregon, New Hampshire, Delaware, Iowa, Northern New York, District of Columbia, Lower Provinces, California.

The semi-annual reports of Excelsior Lodge, No. 1, Honolulu, for the terms ending June, 1860, December, 1860, and June, 1861.

The following are incorrect:

Maryland.—Cause for suspension and expulsion not given.

Ohio.—In the list of names of suspension and expulsion, the number of the Lodge not given.

Nebraska.—Name and cause for suspension and expulsion not given.

New Jersey.—Names of suspended and expelled members not given.

The following reports of Grand and Subordinate Encampments are correct, viz:

Kentucky, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, California, Southern New York, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Indiana, District of Columbia, Iowa, Massachusetts, Maine, Northern New York, Connecticut, Illinois.

Green Mountain, No. 3, Vermont, for the terms ending December 31, 1861, and June, 1862.

Delaware, No. 2, term June 30, 1862. No report for Dec., 1861.

McDonald, No. 2, Delaware, for term ending Dec. 31, 1861.

Polynesia, No. 1, Honolulu, for terms ending June 30, 1860, and Dec. 31, 1860. No report for 1861 and 1862.

Ellison, No. 1, Oregon, for terms ending June 30, 1861, Dec. 31, 1861, and June 30, 1862.

The following Grand Encampments are incorrect:

Maryland.—No cause for suspension given.

Wisconsin.—Incomplete. No receipts or expenditures given.

Michigan.—No cause for suspension given.

Missouri.—Not properly headed.

Ohio.—No cause for suspension given.

Tennessee.—No cause for suspension given.

Ridgely Encampment, No. 1, Nebraska city, for term ending June, 1862. No seal. No report for Dec. 31, 1861.

Far West, No. 2, Kansas, for terms ending Dec. 31, 1861, and June 30, 1862. No seal.

Union, No. 1, Canada West, for term ending June 30, 1862. No seal.

No reports have been received from the following Grand Bodies, viz: Grand Lodges of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas; Grand Encampments of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. ROWELL,
CHAS. HOAG,
JOHN T. SANDERS,
ELISHA CLARKE.

Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Chidsey, of Ohio, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Sanders, of Northern New York, on the subject of admitting persons to membership under twenty-one years of age, respectfully report, that the resolution contemplates new legislation on the part of this Grand Lodge, and is therefore not a proper subject for the consideration of this committee.

We therefore report it back, and recommend its reference to the Legislative Committee.

W. C. CHIDSEY,
JAMES B. NICHOLSON,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
T. B. McCARTY.

Also, from the same committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Hayden, of California, on the subject of extending the jurisdiction of the State of California over the Territory of Nevada, respectfully report that the matter is a subject more proper for the consideration of the Legislative Committee, and recommend its reference to that committee.

W. CHIDSEY,
JAMES B. NICHOLSON,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
T. B. McCARTY.

Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which, with the resolution accompanying, was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred from the jurisdiction of Michigan the resolution in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That our Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to bring to the notice of the Grand Lodge United States the apparent conflict between the report of the Committee on the State of the Order at their last session (see page 3350) and section 4, article 16 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge United States.

Report that they have carefully considered the same, and state that there is *no* conflict between the legislation of the Grand Lodge at its session of 1861 and the 4th section of article 16 of the Constitution. The former relates to the admission of a Brother again into the Order who has been suspended for non-payment of dues and his Lodge having surrendered its charter; and the latter to the admission of a Brother who has been suspended or expelled and the Lodge in possession of its charter and in legal operation. The committee submit respectfully the annexed resolution:

Resolved, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
W. CHIDSEY,
JAMES B. NICHOLSON,
T. B. McCARTY,
JAMES P. SANDERS.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which, on motion of Rep. Davies, of Southern New York, was ordered to lie on the table until to-morrow:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance ask leave to report that they have had before them the memorial of the Grand Encampment of Iowa, the letter of the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and the preamble and resolution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, severally referred to them, and find that the application in each case is to have the Representative tax due to this Grand Lodge remitted, upon the ground of pecuniary inability on their part to pay, and in two instances upon the additional ground that they have declined to send Representatives to attend the present session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and have thereby saved this Grand Body the expense of their mileage and per diem.

Your committee cannot recognise the justice or propriety of the claim upon either of the grounds or reasons set forth. First: Because pecuniary inability to pay is a claim that many jurisdictions might set up, and its recognition by this Grand Lodge would establish a precedent which would hereafter be pleaded to the great detriment of its finances; and, secondly, because it is the purpose and interest of this Grand Lodge to secure a representation from every Grand Lodge jurisdiction at all its regular sessions, and cannot be induced to abandon that purpose with the mere view of saving money itself or to grant to any jurisdiction a premium for keeping their Representatives at home. Believing, however, that the Grand Lodge of the United States may judiciously give to the several Grand Bodies referred to all the indulgence that ought to be asked by them, your committee would respectfully recommend the passage of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to settle with the Grand Encampment of Iowa, the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, by taking their several obligations for the sums respectively due from them, bearing interest at six per cent., and payable at such times as the said Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary may approve.

F. A. ELLIS,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
J. W. STOKES,
JOSEPH KIDDER,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM.

Rep. Kidder, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the correspondence between the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary and Grand Secretary Willard, of Illinois, touching a claim of this Grand Lodge against P. D. D. Grand Sire Constable, of that jurisdiction, report that they have considered the facts in the case, and find that, although the claim is just, there is no reason to believe that it can

ever be collected, either of the Deputy or his sureties, and would recommend that the papers be put on file, and the claim placed among the other unavailable assets of this Grand Body.

JOSEPH KIDDER,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
J. W. STOKES,
F. A. ELLIS.

Rep. Krogman, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully report, that they have examined the correspondence of the Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary for the past year, and find nothing contained therein that requires special action of this Grand Lodge.

SAMUEL B. KROGMAN,
B. BUCKLEY,
WILLIAM WHITE,
J. W. CARLTON,
C. C. HAYDEN.

Rep. Carlton, of Ohio, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Archer, of Missouri, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of the Grand Lodge of California requesting this R. W. Grand Lodge to provide suitable legislation for the relief of brothers who have entered the Order under an assumed name, respectfully report that this R. W. Grand Lodge have decided, by the adoption of the report of the Committee on the State of the Order at the session of 1858, that it is not within the competency of any jurisdiction of the Order to change the name of any person, such power belonging solely to the civil authority. Your committee, therefore, deem further legislation on the subject inexpedient, or to make any change in the existing law.

D. GILMORE,
C. C. ARCHER,
BENJ. BUCKLEY,
C. G. CADY,
GEORGE W. CASSEDY.

Rep. Archer, of Missouri, from the Legislative Committee, made following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, instructing their Representatives in this R. W. Grand Lodge to vote for and use their influence to obtain the passage of a resolution declaratory of the principle that Subordinate Lodges are not bound for any liabilities to their members, incurred through their connection with the military movements of the country, funeral benefits alone excepted, respectfully report that they have had the subject under serious consideration, and conclude that such legislation is unpatriotic and inexpedient.

D. GILMORE,
C. C. ARCHER,
BENJAMIN BUCKLEY,
C. G. CADY,
G. W. CASSEDY.

Rep. Gilmore, of Northern New York, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of the Grand Lodge of California requesting a modification of the resolution of this R. W. Grand Lodge, passed in 1859, prohibiting the signing of diplomas, cards, and certificates, except by the officers of this R. W. Grand Lodge, respectfully report, that Section 4 of Article 14 of the Constitution provides that the sale of diplomas, cards, and certificates is one of the sources of revenue of the R. W. Grand Lodge; and as the said resolution does not prohibit the officers of Grand and Subordinate Lodges signing such diplomas, cards, and certificates when procured of this R. W. Grand Lodge, your committee deem it inexpedient to grant the request of the Grand Lodge of California to modify the same.

D. GILMORE,
C. C. ARCHER,
BENJAMIN BUCKLEY,
G. W. CASSEDY,
C. G. CADY.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which, with the accompanying resolutions, was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the communication of J. W. Orr, editor and publisher of The American Odd-Fellow, have considered the same, and beg leave to report that the interests of the Order would, in the judgment of your committee, be greatly advanced by the permanent establishment of a periodical devoted to "dis-

seminating a knowledge of the sentiments, principles, operations, and condition of American Odd-Fellows," and that whilst the Grand Lodge has frequently taken action adverse to the propriety of establishing periodicals under its immediate patronage and auspices, we conceive it to be eminently proper to encourage the establishment of such periodicals by brothers of character and responsibility. We, therefore, submit for your consideration the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the elective officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States are hereby authorized to accept the proposition of Grand Patriarch John W. Orr, tendering for their use, as a medium of communicating information to brothers of the Order, a portion of the pages of The American Odd-Fellow, and the said officers are empowered to exercise the privilege afforded at such times as to them may seem proper and expedient.

Resolved, That the monthly periodical published in the city of New York, by John W. Orr, its editor and proprietor, and styled The American Odd-Fellow, is hereby recommended to the favorable consideration and support of the members of the Order of Odd-Fellows.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
BENJAMIN BUCKLEY,
C. C. ARCHER,
D. GILMORE,
C. G. CADY.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee have considered the subject embraced in the resolution of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, relating to the facilities for the practice of frauds afforded by the careless and negligent manner in which cards of visitation are delivered in some jurisdictions, and beg leave to report that greater care is absolutely required to protect the Order against imposition.

We report for adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, That all term reports which may hereafter be made to Grand Bodies by their subordinates shall contain, in their own hand writing, the signatures of the elective officers thereof, and shall be carefully preserved by the Grand Scribes and Grand Secretaries.

Resolved, That Grand Scribes and Grand Secretaries are hereby prohibited from delivering or transmitting visiting or withdrawal cards to any person whatever or to any Encampment or Lodge, excepting upon the order in writing of an Encampment or Lodge, signed by its C. P., S. W. and Scribe, (in the case of an Encampment,) or by its N. G., V. G., and Secretary, (in the case of a Lodge,) and authenticated by the official seal of the Encampment or Lodge.

Respectfully submitted by

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
C. G. CADY,
C. C. ARCHER,
BENJAMIN BUCKLEY,
D. GILMORE.

The report and resolutions being under consideration—

Rep. Barry, of Indiana, moved to amend by striking out of the second resolution all the signatures required, excepting the names of the Scribe of an Encampment and Secretary of a Lodge; which was agreed to, and the question being on the report and resolutions as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom were referred the preamble and resolution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, setting forth that it would be a benefit to the Order in that State if there were but one Grand Body therein, &c., have considered the subject-matter, and report that we deem it inexpedient to grant the request.

The Grand Lodge have repeatedly decided against any change whatever looking to the mergement of any portion of the Patriarchal organization into the Lodge department of the Order, and your committee deem the present a very inopportune time to attempt any change in the fundamental laws of the Order. Besides this, very grave doubts exist as to the *power* of this Grand Lodge to deprive Grand Encampments of their charters, excepting for violations of law.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
C. C. ARCHER,
D. GILMORE,
BENJAMIN BUCKLEY,
C. G. CADY.

Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which, with the accompanying resolution, was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the following, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be instructed to report whether, under the provisions of the fourteenth article of the By-Laws, the possession of the A. T. P. W. is a necessary qualification by an applicant for membership by deposit of card.

Respectfully beg leave to report, that in their opinion the fourteenth article of the By-Laws clearly indicates that a brother should be in possession of the A. T. P. W. when depositing a withdrawal card in a Lodge, in order to acquire membership therein. Lodges, when giving withdrawal cards to members, should therefore impart to them the A. T. P. W., which it is the duty of the brothers to remember. Should they fail to do so, or should the officers of the Lodge have neglected their duty, or should the card be an expired one, the brother may be

admitted to membership as an Ancient Odd-Fellow, as set forth in the Journal G. L. U. S., pages 2859, 2925, 2963.

The committee respectfully submit the following, and asked to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge concur in the opinion of the committee

JAMES B. NICHOLSON,
J. P. SANDERS,
T. B. McCARTY,
W. CHIDSEY,
JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE.

Rep. Boydston, of Nebraska, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, and find them correct.

Your committee, therefore, would recommend its approval as amended.

Respectfully submitted.

W. L. BOYDSTON,
J. W. ALLISON,
ERIE J. LEECH,
M. B. SCOTT,
HENRY ARMINGTON.

Rep. Cady, of Kentucky, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee have considered the subject-matter of the resolution referred to them, emanating from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, respecting the unfortunate position occupied by some members of the Order, resulting from the unhappy condition of the country, and respectfully report that we deem it unwise to take any action whatever on subjects connected with the civil war which now afflicts our nation; that we earnestly hope and trust that the time is not far distant when the disability under which the brothers suffer will be removed by the restoration of the Union and the re-establishment of peace throughout the land.

GEORGE W. CASSEDY,
C. C. ARCHER,
C. G. CADY,
BENJ. BUCKLEY,
D. GILMORE.

Rep. Scott, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your committee have examined the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, as amended, and find in the seventh line of article 4th, section 1st, the words "Rt. Rev." preceding the words Grand Chaplain in the eighth line. As there is no such officer known to our laws, your committee would recommend that the words "Right Rev." be stricken out, and the balance approved.

Respectfully submitted.

M. B. SCOTT,
W. L. BOYDSTON,
HENRY ARMINGTON.

On motion of Rep. Barry, of Indiana, the Lodge now resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole on the pending amendments to the Constitution, Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, in the Chair.

The Committee of the Whole, having been for some time engaged in the consideration of the subject referred to it, rose, and by Rep. Veitch, chairman, reported as follows, which was, on motion of Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred the pending amendments to the Constitution, recommend that the amendment offered by Rep. Harvey, of Indiana, and others, proposed at the session of 1860, and found on page 3245, in the words following:

> Amend the second paragraph of the fourteenth article of the Constitution to read as follows:
> "Dues from State, District, or Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments, one hundred dollars per annum for each vote they shall be entitled to in this Grand Lodge."—PAGE 3245,

be indefinitely postponed, and recommend that the further consideration of all the other pending amendments be postponed until the next session, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
Chairman of Committee of the Whole.

Rep. Pinckney, of Southern New York, presented the appeal of R. A. Adams and others, of Southern New York, which was referred to the special committee on that subject.

Rep. Armington, of Rhode Island, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Ohio, made in May, 1861, respectfully report that they have carefully examined the amendments referred to them, and find them in accordance with the

Constitution and Laws of this Grand Lodge, and recommend that the same be approved.

Respectfully submitted.

W. L. BOYDSTON,
ERIE J. LEECH,
M. B. SCOTT,
HENRY ARMINGTON

Rep. Sprague, of Michigan, moved the following resolution:

WHEREAS information has been received that P. G. Barnum claimed to represent the Grand Lodge of Oregon at the last session of this R. W. Body without any authority from the said Grand Lodge of Oregon. Therefore,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, with full power and authority to investigate the whole matter, and report to this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Sanders, of Northern New York, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question now being on the resolution of Rep. Sprague, of Michigan, it was adopted.

The Chair named Reps. Sprague, of Michigan; Sanders, of Northern New York; and Kidder, of New Hampshire, as the special committee provided for by the resolution.

Rep. Kidder, of New Hampshire, addressed the Grand Lodge as follows:

In the absence of the delegation from the jurisdiction of Tennessee, it seems eminently proper to announce the decease of our honored and beloved brother, Grand Representative Hiram K. Walker. He died, after a lingering sickness, at Nashville, on the 7th day of August last.

Grand Representative Walker is remembered by many members of this Grand Lodge as an earnest and devoted Odd-Fellow, a genial companion, and a true friend. He filled many offices of trust with credit to himself and honor to our Order. All who knew will cherish his memory. And his death, in connection with the unusual number of similar announcements during the present session, should deeply impress us with the vanity of all earthly things.

Rep. Leech, of Iowa, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Logan, of Kansas, presented the Constitution of Far West Encampment of Kansas, No. 1, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. Bugbee, of Michigan, presented the following proceeding of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

Resolved, That the Grand Representatives be and are hereby instructed to procure, if possible, at the next session of the Grand Lodge United States, such laws

as are necessary to give all Subordinate Lodges the right to receive non-affiliated Odd Fellows as members of their respectice Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge United States by paying a fee to be fixed by each Grand Lodge.

The hour of 12, fixed for recess, having arrived, the Lodge receded from labor for thirty minutes.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge re-assembled, pursuant to the order for recess.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolutions of Rep. Archer, of Missouri, found on page 3439 as follows:

Resolved, That the per diem for this session of the Grand Lodge of the United States be three dollars.

Resolved, That the mileage for members for this session be rated at four cents per mile, and that the same be calculated from the nearest mail route, unless it may appear to the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem that there is a nearer travelled route, in which case the travelled route takes precedence,

have given to the subject that consideration which its importance demands, and recommend the adoption of the resolutions.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
JOSEPH KIDDER,
F. A. ELLIS,
J. W. STOKES.

On motion of Rep. Sanders, of Northern New York, to recommit the report to the committee, with instructions to strike out from the resolution "four cents a mile" mileage, and insert "five cents," it was not agreed to.

The yeas and nays, being required, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Allison, Barry, Boydston, Bugbee, Burnham, Cady, Clark, Conningham, Dennis, Doe, Gilmore, Griswold, Hanna, Hayden, Herr, Hoag, Hollis, Logan, McCarty, Osborn, Sanders of Indiana, Sanders of Northern New York, Sprague, Terwilliger, White, Wilson, Wright.—27.

NAYS.—Reps. Adams, Archer, Armington, Brown, Buckley, Carlton, (2 votes,) Cassedy, Chidsey, (2 votes,) Davies, Dolson, Ellis, Escavaille, Fuller, Harris, Hopkins, Hyland, (2 votes,) Kidder, Krogman, Lamb, Leech, Marley, Pereles, Pinckney, Porter, Rowell, Scott, Sims, Smith, Stokes, Stone, Veitch, Young.—35.

The question recurring on the report of the committee, it was adopted.

Rep. Scott, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your committee have examined the amendments to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Iowa, and finding nothing in them con-

flicting with the laws of this R. W. Grand Body, would respectfully recommend their adoption.

Respectfully submitted.

M. B. SCOTT,
W. L. BOYDSTON,
HENRY ARMINGTON.

Rep. Leech, of Iowa, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Constitutions respectfully report that they have examined the Constitution and By-Laws of "Far West Encampment, No. 1," held at Leavenworth, Kansas, and working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Body, and find the same to be in conformity with the Constitution and Laws of this R. W. Grand Lodge. Your committee therefore recommend that the same be approved.

Respectfully submitted.

W. L. BOYDSTON,
ERIE J. LEECH,
J. Y. ALLISON,
M. B. SCOTT,
HENRY ARMINGTON.

Rep. Ellis, of Maryland, from the select committee on that subject, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee to whom was referred sundry documents received by this Grand Lodge in relation to the death of Past Grand Sire Wildey, respectfully report that they find them to be from the following Grand Bodies, viz:

Grand Lodge of Kentucky, Grand Lodge of Maryland, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Grand Lodge of Missouri, Grand Lodge of Southern New York, Grand Lodge of California, Grand Lodge of Indiana, and Grand Encampment of California, and from the following Subordinate Bodies: Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1, Mass., Montezuma Lodge, No. 33, Mass., Marine Lodge, No. 96, Mass., and Barnum Lodge, No. 7, of Oregon, and one from a meeting of Odd-Fellows belonging to the 1st Regiment Cavalry Volunteers, of California, encamped at Carleton, San Bernardine County, California, some of them very handsomely and tastefully gotten up.

Your committee have caused the several documents to be properly endorsed and filed, and respectfully recommend that they be deposited among the archives of this Grand Lodge.

F. A. ELLIS,
J. P. SANDERS,
W. CHIDSEY.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which, with the accompanying resolution, was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Representative Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, in relation to the "practicability of modifying the present restrictive law in relation to persons acquiring membership in jurisdictions adjacent to their residence," ask leave to report that your committee deem such modification practicable and proper. We recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That Grand Bodies whose territorial jurisdiction is contiguous or adjacent are hereby empowered to pass laws permitting Encampments and Lodges in other jurisdictions to initiate or admit to membership persons whose residence, though not actually in said jurisdiction, is nearest to the place of location of such Encampment or Lodge.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
C. C. ARCHER,
BENJ'N BUCKLEY,
D. GILMORE,
C. G. CADY.

Rep. Sanders, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution, which was agreed to:

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance report to the Grand Lodge, at as early a moment as possible, upon the propriety of reducing the price of supplies of the R. W. Grand Lodge to her Subordinates.

Rep. Hanna, of Illinois, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the next regular session of this Grand Lodge be held at the city of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, moved the previous question, which was seconded by the Lodge, and the main question was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the resolution of Rep. Hanna, of Illinois?" which was resolved in the negative. The yeas and nays appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Adams, Burnham, Carlton, (2 votes,) Chidsey, Clark, Dennis, Doe, Dolson, Fuller, Griswold, Hanna, Herr, Hopkins, Krogman, Lamb, Nicholson, (2 votes,) Porter, Sanders of Northern New York, Sprague, Stokes, Terwilliger, Wilson, Wright.—25.

NAYS.—Reps. Allison, Archer, Armington, Barry, Boydston, Brown, Buckley, Bugbee, Cady, Cassedy, Conningham, Davies, Ellis, Escavaille, Gilmore, Harris, Hayden, (2 votes,) Hollis, Hyland, (2 votes,) Kidder, Leech, (2 votes,) Logan, Marley, Osborn, Pereles, Pinckney, Rowell, Sanders of Indiana, Scott, Sims, Smith, Stone, Veitch, White, (2 votes,) Young.—39.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That during the remainder of the present session no resolution of reference to a Standing Committee shall be required to be considered by such committee, unless a duplicate of such resolution be written out by the mover, and immediately after its presentation be placed in the hands of the chairman of the committee.

Rep. Pinckney, of Southern New York, moved the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Resolved, That the price of visiting and withdrawal cards, be fixed at twelve cents each.

Rep. Archer, of Missouri, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, requesting your committee to inquire into and report upon the practicability of providing for the admission to membership of those brothers who have been deprived of the ordinary means of proving their qualifications by the present distracted condition of the country, beg leave to report that we deem it inexpedient at this time to legislate upon the subject.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
D. GILMORE,
C. C. ARCHER,
C. G. CADY,
BENJ'N BUCKLEY.

On motion of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, the Lodge resolved itself into secret session for instruction in the work.

The Lodge, after some time passed in secret session, closed therein, and resumed its ordinary business.

On motion of Rep. Hayden, of California, that the Lodge adjourn until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution of Rep. White, of Kentucky, viz: "That the resolution reported by Rep. Dwinelle from the Committee on the State of the Order, found on page 2676 of the printed Journal for 1856, (denying the right and power of the Noble Grand, or Vice Grand acting as Noble Grand, to waive his right, and place a Past Grand in the chair,) be and the same is hereby repealed," respectfully report adversely to the passage of the resolution, inasmuch as the change proposed will require an alteration of the "unwritten work," which cannot be done by resolution.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
D. GILMORE,
C. C. ARCHER,
BENJ'N BUCKLEY.

On motion, the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment. Present:

MILTON HERNDON.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, presiding.
B. W. DENNIS.....R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....R. W. G. Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT .....R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. E. M. P. WELLS.....R. W. Grand Chaplain.
W. H. H. PRALL.....R. W. Grand Marshal, *p. t.*
SOLOMON H. LEWYT.....R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN E. CHAMBERLAIN....R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a representation from a quorum of Grand Bodies.

Prayer by Rev. Bro. E. M. P. Wells.

The R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, *p. t.*, proclaimed the Grand Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On motion of Rep. Rowell, of New Hampshire, the reading of the Journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

Rep. Wilson, of Wisconsin, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was read, and, with the accompanying resolution, adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing, to whom was referred the proposals for printing the Revised Journal of the present session, 1862, would most respectfully report that they have had under consideration two propositions to print the Revised Journal, and after a careful investigation the committee award the contract to Bro. James Young, of Baltimore, his bid being considered the lowest and the most favorable. The committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and is hereby authorized to contract with Bro. James Young, of the city of Baltimore, for the printing of eight thousand copies of the revised Journal of the proceedings of the present session, in accordance with his proposals, herewith submitted, and marked "Accepted."

H. O. WILSON,
SAMUEL H. HARRIS,
THOMAS C. PORTER,
B. J. F. HANNA.

Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which, with the accompanying resolution, was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned special committee, to whom was referred the appeal of P. G. R. A. Adams and other Past Grands, being a minority of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction of Southern New York, against

the action of said Grand Lodge, ask leave to report that they have given the subject-matter of the appeal the consideration its importance seemed to require, and find that the grievance complained of is the installation of P. G. John J, Davies as the Grand Secretary of that jurisdiction, while charges were pending against him for official misconduct, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York in relation thereto.

Your committee, upon an examination of the facts submitted to them, find that the action of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York upon the matter of charges against the Grand Secretary was based upon the Constitution of that Grand Lodge and the well established usage and decisions of this Grand Lodge, which resulted in the acquittal of Grand Secretary J. J. Davies. In the opinion of your committee, it is unnecessary to recite the several points raised in the appeal in this report, for the reason that it was satisfactorily shown to the committee that the entire action of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York was strictly in accordance with law, and with a view to its own integrity as a Grand Lodge, and that of the purity of its Grand Officers.

Your committee are constrained to say that they believe that the whole matter of charges in the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, and its subsequent appeal to this Grand Lodge, is founded in a spirit of malignity against an efficient and faithful officer of a large and prominent jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and entirely foreign to the teachings and spirit of Odd-Fellowship. The committee, therefore, submit the following resolution for the consideration of the Grand Lodge:

Resolved, That the appeal of P. G. R. A. Adams and others be dismissed, and that the action of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York in the matter of charges against Grand Secretary John J. Davies be and the same is hereby sustained.

JOS. B. ESCAVAILLE,
J. W. STOKES,
BENJ'N BUCKLEY.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be requested, after each session, to insert at the end of the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Lodge, in the form of an appendix, all resolutions which properly come under the denomination of "*Standing Resolutions*," so that the same be readily accessible when reference thereto is desired.

On motion of Rep. Young, of Maryland, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the installation of the officers elect be made the special order for to-day at two o'clock.

Rep. Porter, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That hereafter no person shall be admitted to the secret sessions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States who is not a member of the Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Barry, of Indiana, the resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all Grand Bodies are hereby empowered to pass such laws as to them may seem expedient changing the commencement and ending of the terms of their Subordinates, so that the same may commence and end with October and April, instead of July and January.

Rep. Escavaille, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be empowered to have prepared such index and digest as in his judgment may be appropriate and suitable to accompany the revised Journals now in course of publication, and that the revised Journal of the present session be added to the fourth volume of said Journal.

Rep. Young, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Grand Messenger be and he is hereby authorized to place the portraits of the Past Grand Sires in the Library of the Grand Lodge of Maryland during the recess, to be returned to the Grand Lodge room during the annual sessions of that Body.

Rep. Hopkins, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That so soon as the new edition of the Journal and Digest be published, a complete copy thereof shall be presented by the Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary to each of the members of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. Sanders, of Northern New York, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a sum not exceeding seven hundred dollars be appropriated from the treasury of this Grand Lodge, as compensation to the person or persons who may be selected by the R. W. Grand Secretary to prepare the Digest and Index ordered by this Grand Lodge, and that the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to draw his drafts for the same at such times and in such sums as may be by him considered necessary.

Rep. Pereles, of Wisconsin, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to cause 2,000 copies of his Eulogy on the life, character, and labors of the late P. G. Sire Thomas Wildey, to be printed in the German language, for distribution by the Representatives among our German Brother Odd Fellows, provided the same be translated free of expense to the Grand Lodge

Rep. Harris, of Connecticut, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to send to each member of this Grand Lodge, by mail, *five* copies of the last day's proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. Boydston, of Nebraska, the Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the reports of committees, now lying on the table, in the order in which they appear on the Journal.

The first report, being from the Committee on Appeals, (page 3467,) in the matter of appeal of A. C. Marsh and others from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, was considered.

Rep. Hanna, of Illinois, moved to recommit the report, with instructions to strike out the resolution accompanying the report, and to substitute the following, which was resolved in the negative:

Resolved, That so much of the appeal of A. C. Marsh and others from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Illinois from the assessment of a tax of seventy-five cents per capita instead of thirty cents as reported by the Finance Committee, be sustained.

The question recurring on the report and accompanying resolution of the committee, it was adopted.

The next report, (page 3468,) being from the same committee, on the appeal of Empire Lodge, No. 64, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York in the matter of the claim of the widow of Robert Glenn for funeral benefit, was considered.

Rep, Sanders, of Northern New York, moved to amend the resolution accompanying the report, by striking out the words "be reversed" and inserting the words "be confirmed," which was resolved in the negative. The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the committee with the accompanying resolution, it was adopted.

The next report, (page 3470,) from the same committee, on the appeal of P. G. G. W. Brunsen, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Southern New York, was considered.

Rep. Smith, of Southern New York, moved to recommit the report and resolution to the committee, with instructions to report a resolution affirming the decision of National Lodge, No. 30, which was resolved in the negative. The question recurring on the adoption of the report of the committee with the accompanying resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, (page 3471,) from the Committee on Constitutions, on the amended constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, (page 3475,) from the Committee on Finance, upon the several applications of the Grand Lodges of Nebraska and Vermont and the Grand Encampment of Iowa for a remittance of the indebtedness of said Grand Bodies to the Grand Lodge of the United States, was considered.

On motion of Rep. Gilmore, of Northern New York, to adopt the report and accompanying resolution—

Rep. Boydston, of Nebraska, moved to amend the resolution accompanying the report, as follows:

"Provided that the representative tax due from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska for 1861 be and and is hereby remitted."

Which was resolved in the negative.

Rep. Chidsey, of Ohio, moved to amend the resolution, as follows:

Strike out all after the words "*payable*," and insert "*three* years from the first day of November, 1862."

Which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question recurring on the motion to adopt the report of the committee, with the accompanying resolution, as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. Krogman, of Massachusetts, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

By Rep. S. B. Krogman, of Massachusetts, seconded by Reps. Cassedy, of New Jersey, Carlton, of Ohio, Hanna, of Illinois, W. L. Boydston, of Nebraska, T. B. McCarty, of Indiana, C. C. Pinckney, of Southern New York, E. P. Burnham, of Maine:

Amend the second paragraph of the fourteenth article of the Constitution, by striking out the word "seventy-five," and inserting "fifty."

The hour of twelve o'clock having arrived, the Lodge receded from business for thirty minutes.

TWELVE AND A HALF O'CLOCK.

The Lodge now re-assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary read to the Lodge the following letter, just received by him:

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND MASTER OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF VA.
Norfolk, September 17, 1862.

Dear Sir and Brother:

Permit me to remind you that our mail facilities are open between you and me, and, notwithstanding the difficulties of this causeless war, it will afford me much pleasure to receive your daily printed proceedings.

I am, dear sir, yours respectfully,

A. L. HILL, *Grand Master.*

JAS. L. RIDGELY, Esq.

The reading of the paper was received with great gratification by the Lodge, and on motion of Rep. Leech, of Iowa, it was unanimously resolved that the request of the M. W. Grand Master of Virginia be immediately complied with.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution of Rep. Hayden, of California: "That the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of California be and the same is hereby extended over the Territory of Nevada"—respectfully report, that whilst doubts exist as to the power of the Grand Lodge under its present law to relinquish their immediate jurisdiction over Subordinate Encamp-

ments and Lodges in Territories or States where no Grand Bodies exist, yet inasmuch as the Grand Lodge of the United States did, at its last session, extend the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of California over the Lodges in Nevada, we do not feel warranted to report adversely to the passage of the resolution, but submit the same to the Grand Lodge without any recommendation from the undersigned.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
C. C. ARCHER,
B. BUCKLEY,
D. GILMORE,
C. G. CADY.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Representative Sanders, of Northern New York, (page 3421,) on the subject of admitting to membership persons under twenty-one years of age, respectfully report adversely to any action on the subject at the present session.

The change proposed is one so *fundamental* in its character that we deem it advisable that the consideration of the proposition be postponed until your next session, and we so suggest.

GEO. W. CASSEDY,
B. BUCKLEY,
C. C. ARCHER,
D. GILMORE,
C. G. CADY.

Rep. Pinckney, of Southern New York, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, with the accompanying tabular statement:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem ask leave to present the annexed tabular statement of the distance travelled by the Representatives to attend the present session of this Grand Lodge, with the amount of mileage and daily pay to which each Representative is entitled under the resolution adopted by this Grand Lodge at its present session, and ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the amount of mileage and per diem as set forth in the accompanying tabular statement, is hereby ordered to be paid.

C. C. PINCKNEY,
C. A. LOGAN,
JAS. A. BROWN,
NATH. PERELES,
THOS. C. HOLLIS.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

NAMES.	Profession.	Town.	State.	Distance from Baltimore.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
GRAND OFFICERS.								
R. W. D. G. Sire Milton Herndon ...	Physician.....	Crawfordsville .	Indiana	797	4	$63 76	$12 00	$75 76
R. W. G. C. & R. S. J. L. Ridgely..	Farmer	Baltimore Co...	Maryland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
R. W. G. Treasurer Joshua Vansant	Hat Manufacturer	Baltimore.....	Maryland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
R. W. G. Chaplain E. M. P. Wells..	Clergyman	Boston.....	Massachu'tts.	424	4	33 92	12 00	45 92
R. W. G. Marshal W. H. H. Prall...	Grand Secretary.....	Syracuse	New York	395	4	31 60	12 00	43 60
R. W. G. Guardian S. H. Lewyt....	Jeweler.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland	.....	4	.....	12 00	12 00
R. W. G. Mess. J. E. Chamberlain..	Shoe Manufacturer.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
REPRESENTATIVES.								
Adams, N.....	Mason	Boston.....	Massachu'tts.	424	4	33 92	12 00	45 92
Allison, J. Y.....	Lawyer	Madison.....	Indiana	808	4	64 64	12 00	76 64
Archer, C. C.....	Druggist	St Louis.....	Missouri	958	4	76 64	12 00	88 64
Armington, H.....	Merchant	N. Providence..	Rhode Island	380	4	30 40	12 00	42 40
Barry, E. H.	Grand Secretary.	Indianapolis	Indiana	722	4	57 76	12 00	59 76
Boydston, Wm. L.....	Lawyer	Nebraska City..	Nebraska	1412	4	112 96	12 00	124 96
Brown, J. A.....	Clerk	Wash'ton City.	Dis. of Col...	40	4	3 20	12 00	15 20
Buckley, Benjamin.....	Manufacturer	Patterson	New Jersey...	208	4	16 64	12 00	28 64
Bugbee, J. G.....	Physician.....	Edwardsburg...	Michigan.....	798	4	63 84	12 00	75 84
Burnham, E. P.....	Treas. Savings Inst....	Saco	Maine	518	4	41 44	12 00	53 44
Cady, C. G.	Tobacconist	Maysville	Kentucky.....	731	4	58 48	12 00	70 48
Carlton, John W,.....	Contractor	Cincinnati	Ohio	666	4	53 28	12 00	65 28
Cassedy, George W.....	Lawyer.....	Jersey City.....	New Jersey...	192	4	15 36	12 00	27 36
Chidsey, Wm.....	Justice of the Peace...	Cincinnati.....	Ohio	666	4	53 28	12 00	65 28
Clark, Elisha.....	Inspec. of Customs	Bath	Maine	565	4	45 20	12 00	57 20

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM—CONTINUED.

NAMES.	PROFESSION.	Town.	State.	Distance from Baltimore.	Days in Attendance.	Mileage.	Per Diem.	Total.
Conningham, H. A	Carriage Manufacturer	Albany	Oregon	5425	4	$434 00	$12 00	$446 00
Davies, John J	Grand Secretary	New York	New York	192	4	15 36	12 00	27 36
Dennis, B. W	Miller	Byron	Michigan	730	4	58 40	12 00	70 40
Doe, Ira C	Teacher	Saco	Maine	518	4	41 44	12 00	53 44
Dolson, S. G	Builder	St. Catharine's.	Canada West	440	4	35 20	12 00	47 20
Ellis, F. A	Lawyer	Elkton	Maryland	51	4	4 08	12 00	16 08
Escavaille, J. B	Grand Secretary	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	4	.....	12 00	12 00
Fuller, John A	Merchant	Halifax	Nova Scotia	1138	4	91 04	12 00	103 04
Gilmore, Dexter	Lawyer	Utica	New York	434	4	34 72	12 00	46 72
Griswold, Jeremiah	Railroad Agent	Mound City	Illinois	1010	4	80 80	12 00	92 84
Hanna, B. J. F	Printer	Chester	Illinois	1038	4	83 04	12 00	95 00
Harris, Samuel H	Printer	New Haven	Connecticut	266	4	21 28	12 00	33 28
Hayden, C. C	Conveyancer	Sacramento	California	5158	4	412 64	12 00	424 64
Herr, Henry S	Justice of the Peace	Bloomington	Illinois	958	4	76 64	12 00	88 64
Hoag, Charles	Farmer	Minneapolis	Minnesota	1456	4	116 48	12 00	128 48
Hollis, T. C	Bookbinder	New Haven	Connecticut	266	4	21 28	12 00	33 38
Hopkins, Wm. H	Railroad Agent	Llewellyn	Pennsylvania	178	4	14 24	12 00	26 24
Hyland, Wm. B	Printer	Wilmington	Delaware	75	4	6 00	12 00	18 00
Kidder, Joseph	Merchant	Manchester	N. Hampshire	458	4	36 64	12 00	48 64
Krogman, S. B	Merchant	Boston	Massachu'tts.	424	4	33 92	12 00	45 92
Lamb, Joseph L	Farmer	Pemberton	New Jersey	128	4	10 24	12 00	22 24
Leech, Erie J	Clerk District Court	Keokuk	Iowa	1128	4	90 24	12 00	102 24
Logan, C. A	Physician	Leaven'th City.	Kansas	1312	4	104 96	12 00	116 96
Marley, Richard	Shoe Manufacturer	Baltimore	Maryland	.....	4	.....	12 00	12 00

McCarty, T. B	County Auditor	Wabash	Indiana	687	4	54 96	12 00	66 96
Nicholson, J. B	Bookbinder	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	98	4	7 84	12 00	19 84
Osborn, T. C	Editor	Stockton	California	5158	3	412 64	9 00	421 64
Perceles, Nathan	Attorney	Milwaukie	Wisconsin	913	4	73 04	12 00	85 04
Pinckney, Charles C	Broker	New York	New York	192	4	15 36	12 00	27 36
Porter, T. C	Commission Merchant.	Boston	Massachu'tts.	424	4	33 92	12 00	45 92
Rowell, J. H	Stove Dealer	Franklin	N. Hampshire	493	4	39 44	12 00	51 44
Sanders, John T	Railroad Clerk	Jeffersonville	Indiana	830	4	66 40	12 00	78 40
Sanders, J. P	Lawyer	Yonkers	New York	208	4	16 64	12 00	28 64
Scott, M. B	Manufacturer	New Haven	Connecticut	266	4	21 28	12 00	33 28
Sims, Joseph	Builder	St. Louis	Missouri	958	4	76 64	12 00	88 64
Smith, George	Merchant	New York	New York	162	4	15 36	12 00	27 36
Sprague, Jonathan	Tailor	Ann Arbor	Michigan	700	4	56 00	12 00	68 00
Stokes, J. W	Attorney	Philadelphia	Pennsylvania	98	4	7 84	12 00	19 84
Stone, E. C	Merchant	Franklin	N. Hampshire	493	4	39 44	12 00	51 44
Terwilliger, Jas	Clerk State Senate	Syracuse	New York	395	4	31 60	12 00	43 60
Veitch, Isaac M	Sec'ry Insurance Co	St. Louis	Missouri	958	4	76 64	12 00	88 64
White, Wm	Accountant	Louisville	Kentucky	830	4	66 40	12 00	78 40
Wilson, H. O	Railroad Agent	Milwaukie	Wisconsin	913	4	73 04	12 00	85 04
Wright, D. H	Farmer	Madison	Wisconsin	963	4	77 04	12 00	89 04
Young, James	Printer	Baltimore	Maryland		4		12 00	12 00
				49,256		3940 48	765 00	4705 48

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a Special Committee of five be appointed to prepare a law (if practicable) which will institute such change in the practice relating to appeals as will relieve the Grand Lodge of the United States from the necessity of listening to lengthy statements as to facts, conflicting in their character, and will provide, if possible, for the settlement, by the parties immediately interested, of a *statement of the facts* in every case, and leave to this Grand Lodge simply the duty of *deciding the law* arising upon such statement of facts.

Rep. Sprague, of Michigan, from the special committee on that subject, made the following report, which was, on motion of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, postponed temporarily:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee to whom was referred the preamble and resolution relating to the claim of P. G. Barnum to a seat in your Right Worthy Grand Body, at its last session, as Representative from the Grand Lodge of Oregon, beg leave respectfully to report:

The Committee on Credentials, at the last session of your Worthy Grand Body, reported P. G. Wm. P. Burns the accredited Representative from the Grand Lodge of Oregon, (vice S. S. Slater, resigned.) P. G. Barnum appeared before said committee, also claiming to be the accredited Representative from that jurisdiction, and stated that his certificate was to have been sent by pony express, but had not been received; whereupon said committee introduced a resolution admitting said P. G. Barnum to a seat in your Right Worthy Body as Representative from Oregon, thus giving to that jurisdiction, in their report, two Representatives, when it was entitled to but one, and that one Wm. P. Burns, as per report. And it further appears that the Grand Lodge of Oregon does not recognise said P. G. Barnum as its Representative, for the Grand Master, in his report to said Grand Lodge, makes use of the following language, viz: "In January last I received, by letter, the A. T. P. W. for 1862 from P. G. Barnum, who was admitted to a seat in the Grand Lodge of the United States, the Grand Representative elect not being present," thus clearly evidencing the fact that P. G. Barnum was not, but that somebody else was, the legally authorized Representative from Oregon. In corroboration of which, G. Rep. Conningham, from that jurisdiction, (now present,) appearing before your committee, states that the Grand Master of Oregon stated to him that he refused to furnish credentials to P. G. Barnum, he not having the power or inclination to do so, and that Rep. Wm. P. Burns had not resigned.

In view of these statements, it is the opinion of your committee that P. G. Barnum claimed and obtained a seat in your R. W. Grand Body without authority of the Grand Lodge of Oregon.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

JONATHAN SPRAGUE,
JOSEPH KIDDER,
JAMES P. SANDERS.

Rep. Kidder, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. Sanders, of Northern New York, in regard to the propriety of reducing the price of supplies, and the resolution of Rep. Pinckney, of Southern New York, fixing the price of visiting and withdrawal cards at twelve cents each, have considered the same, and beg leave to report that it is inexpedient to make any reduction in the price of supplies, as such reduction would materially disturb the financial condition of the Grand Lodge, at a time when it needs all the funds at its command.

JOSEPH KIDDER,
ISAAC M. VEITCH,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
F. A. ELLIS.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Finance submit the following estimate of the receipts and expenditures of the current year:

Estimated Receipts.

Representative Tax	$5,000 00
Dues from Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments	200 00
Sale of Books	500 00
" Cards	3,000 00
" Diplomas	100 00
" Odes	100 00
	$8,900 00

Estimated Expenditures.

Salary Grand Secretary	$1,000 00
" Grand Treasurer	200 00
" Grand Messenger	600 00
Rent Grand Secretary's office	275 00
Postage, Stationery, &c	500 00
Printing Daily Journal this session	350 00
" Revised Journal this session	800 00
" Cards this session	200 00
Mileage and Per Diem	4,750 00
Printing Revised Journal, Digest, Index, and binding same	1,500 00
Contingent Fund	200 00
Portraits P. G. Sires Kennedy and Craighead	460 00
Expenses Postage, &c. of Acting Grand Sire Herndon, two years	40 00
Janitor Odd-Fellows Hall, Baltimore, for assistance to Grand Messenger at this session	10 00
Printing Eulogy of P. G. M. J. L. Ridgely on Wildey, in German	200 00
	$11,085 00

The committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the sum of eleven thousand eighty-five ($11,085.00) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the payment of salaries, printing, per diem and mileage, and other current expenses of the Grand Lodge, agreeably to the estimate herewith submitted, and the Grand Secretary be authorized to issue his warrants for the same.

ISAAC M. VEITCH,
JOSEPH KIDDER,
J. W. STOKES,
EDWARD P. BURNHAM,
F. A. ELLIS.

Rep. Stone, of New Hampshire, from the Committee of Grand Bodies not Represented, made the following report, which was read and adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Committee of Grand Bodies not Represented beg leave to submit the following report:

They find that all Grand Bodies and Grand Encampments subordinate to the R. W. Grand Lodge are represented, except the following, viz: South Carolina, North Carolina, Louisiana, Virginia, Alabama, Vermont, Georgia, Tennessee, Mississippi, Texas, Florida, Arkansas.

Your committee regret, in common with all good and true Odd-Fellows, the absence of any Representative from any Grand Body under this jurisdiction.

From such information as has been received officially by our R. W Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary since the last session of this R. W. Grand Body, and from such other information as has been received from brothers resident in some of those jurisdictions not represented here this day, your committee are happy to communicate to this R. W. Grand Body the gratifying intelligence that the absence of these Bodies not here represented is on account of circumstances and causes entirely beyond the sphere of our beloved Order to prevent.

From such information as has been received during the past year, your committee are happy in the reflection that it seems to be the ardent desire of our brothers every where, North, South, East, or West, to adhere to the ancient landmarks of our Order, and maintain, with inflexible fidelity, the obligations peculiar to our Order. Your committee have also been informed that the proceedings of the last session of this R. W. Grand Body were gratefully and thankfully received by those jurisdictions that were not able to meet us at our last session.

Resolved, That the Right Worthy Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary forward to the Representatives of Grand Bodies subordinate to this Grand Lodge who are absent from this session the same number of copies of the proceedings of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge, and other documents furnished to the Representatives of the R. W. Grand Body, and shall also furnish the Grand Secretary of such Grand Bodies not here represented the same number of copies

of proceedings and other documents as are furnished to the Grand Secretaries of those Grand Bodies represented here this day.

E. C. STONE,
W. B. HYLAND,
JAMES YOUNG,
JOS. L. LAMB,
JAMES TERWILLIGER.

Rep. Gilmore, of Northern New York, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

Your Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, asking for an enactment of such laws as are necessary to give to all Subordinate Lodges the right to receive non-affiliated Odd Fellows as members of their respective Lodges within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, by paying a fee to be fixed by each Grand Lodge, respectfully report that they have duly considered the subject, and find that granting such request would be in conflict with the existing laws of the R. W. Grand Body, and therefore inexpedient.

D. GILMORE,
C. C. ARCHER,
BENJAMIN BUCKLEY,
GEO. W. CASSEDY,
C. G. CADY.

Rep. Stokes, of Pennsylvania, moved the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That should circumstances justify the Grand Secretary, and if in his opinion the safety and security of the archives and books of the Grand Lodge may require it, he be authorized to remove the same to Philadelphia or New York.

Resolved, That in the event of a probable interruption of the meeting of this Body in Baltimore in 1863, the M. W. Grand Sire be authorized to convene the Grand Lodge at some central and convenient place, sufficient notice to be given to the different jurisdictions.

Rep. Osborn, of California, moved the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution offered by Rep. Hayden of California, and referred to the Legislative Committee, and referred back by them to this Grand Lodge, be taken up for consideration, and be adopted.

Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, asked a division of the question, and the question being on taking up the resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question then being on the adoption of the resolution of Rep. Hayden, of California—

On motion of Rep. Porter, of Massachusetts, the resolution was ordered to lie on the table.

Rep. Porter, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Printing, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee on Printing, to whom was referred that portion of the report of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary which relates to printing the revised Journals, &c. of this Grand Lodge, would report that there is no further action of this R. W Grand Lodge necessary in this case.

Respectfully submitted.

H. O. WILSON,
S. H. HARRIS,
THOS. C. PORTER,
JONATHAN SPRAGUE,
B. J. F. HANNA.

Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, from the Select Committee on that subject, made the following report:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The committee of one from each jurisdiction, to which was referred the resolution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, instructing its Representatives to bring before the Grand Lodge of the United States the fitness, propriety, and justice of the erection of such a monument to the memory of Past Grand Sire Wildey as shall be alike worthy of his eminent character as the father and founder of American Odd-Fellowship, and becoming the supreme legislative head of the Order, over whose deliberations he so long and so ably presided, and, in furtherance of this object, that the co-operation of all sister jurisdictions be invited, to the end that the offering may be the spontaneous and united tribute of the brotherhood at large, beg leave to report that the committee regard it as eminently proper that the proposed monument should be erected under the auspices and direction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, representing as it does the Order of Odd-Fellows on this continent, to which the lifetime of the deceased has been devoted, and to which belong his memory and fame. The committee submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Grand Lodge of the United States most cordially reciprocate the sentiments expressed in the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of the State of Maryland, touching the fitness and justice of an appropriate memorial commemorative of the services of the late Past Grand Sire Thomas Wildey; and regarding the erection of a suitable tablet or monument to his memory as properly an offering in which the whole brotherhood should have an opportunity to unite, in view of the obligations which the Order at large owe to his long and valued and successful efforts in the cause of Odd Fellowship, do hereby commend the subject to the several Grand Bodies for their respectful consideration and earnest co-operation.

Resolved, further, That for the purpose of bringing this subject intelligibly before the Order, the Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby directed to address a circular letter to each Grand Body respectively, requesting them to submit the subject to their several Subordinates, and that such sums as may be con-

tributed by individual brothers or Lodges or Encampments may be received by the Grand Secretaries or Grand Scribes of such jurisdictions, by them to be forwarded to the Grand Corresponding Secretary, to be placed by him in the Treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States, to be held by the Grand Treasurer in special trust, as the Wildey Monument Fund.

Resolved, further, That a committee of five be appointed for the purpose of receiving drawings or designs for a suitable monument, and estimates of its cost, to be reported to the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Resolved, That this action on the part of the Grand Lodge of the United States is not to be construed in any way to commit this body to the erection of a monument to Thomas Wildey or to incur any responsibilities therein, other than to apply the funds voluntarily contributed to the object contemplated.

Resolved, That this Grand Lodge hereby pledges its faith to the fraternity that no debt shall be contracted in the erection of said monument beyond what the voluntary contributions of the Order may amount to, and that only such a monument or tablet shall be erected as the funds thus collected shall pay for, and that under no circumstances shall any contract be made or plan adopted exceeding the amount of the sum thus contributed and provided for the purpose.

ISAAC M. VEITCH, *of Missouri.*
JOSEPH L. LAMB, *of New Jersey.*
JOSEPH KIDDER, *of New Hampshire.*
WILLIAM WHITE, *of Kentucky.*
CHARLES HOAG, *of Minnesota.*
W. H. HYLAND *of Delaware.*
C. C. HAYDEN, *of California.*
J. A. FULLER, *of Lower Provinces.*
THOMAS C. PORTER, *of Massachusetts.*
JAS. A. BROWN, *of District of Columbia.*
C. A. LOGAN, *of Kansas.*
HENRY ARMINGTON, *of Rhode Island.*
S. G. DOLSON, *of Canada West.*
W. L. BOYDSTON, *of Nebraska.*
ERIE J. LEECH, *of Iowa.*
C. C. PINCKNEY, *of Southern New York.*
IRA C. DOE, *of Maine.*
ISRAEL G. BUGBEE, *of Michigan.*
B. J. F. HANNA, *of Illinois.*
W. CHIDSEY, *of Ohio.*
T. B. McCARTY, *of Indiana.*
CHAS. C. HOLLIS, *of Connecticut.*
W. A. CONNINGHAM, *of Oregon.*
F. A. ELLIS, *of Maryland.*
J. W. STOKES, *of Pennsylvania.*
H. O. WILSON, *of Wisconsin.*

On motion of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, the resolutions were considered seriatim.

The question being on the first resolution, it was unanimously adopted.

The question being on the second resolution, it was unanimously adopted.

The third resolution, being considered, was unanimously adopted.

The fourth resolution was considered, and unanimously adopted.

The fifth resolution was considered, and unanimously adopted.

And the question recurring on the report and accompanying resolutions as a whole, they were unanimously adopted.

Rep. Carlton, of Ohio, laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution:

By Rep. Carlton of Ohio, seconded by Reps. McCarty of Indiana, S. B. Krogman of Massachusetts, J. Griswold of Illinois and W. Chidsey of Ohio.

Amend article nine, section two, of the Constitution, by adding thereto: "Provided that the Grand Lodge of any jurisdiction in which, by mutual agreement, the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment shall have been merged into one body, shall be entitled to such representation as the said Grand Lodge may from time to time be entitled to, and the said Representatives, in addition to the votes they would otherwise be entitled to cast, shall be allowed to add the vote to which the Grand Encampment of its State was entitled prior to and at the time of the mergement."

Amend article one, section seven, by adding these words: "But the Grand Bodies of any State or Territory may, by mutual agreement, consolidate the functions and powers of both in the Grand Lodge, and thereafter the jurisdiction previously exercised by the two bodies separately shall be vested in the State Grand Lodge, and all Subordinate Encampments in said jurisdiction shall be governed by the laws of said Grand Lodge, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Krogman, of Massachusetts, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be requested to furnish each member of this Grand Lodge twenty copies of the very able Eulogy pronounced by him on the life and labors of P. G. Sire Wildey, for distribution.

Rep. Young, of Maryland, moved the following resolution, which was resolved in the negative:

Resolved, That Joshua Vansant, R. W. Grand Treasurer, be requested to effect an insurance of two thousand dollars on the Portraits of the Past Grand Sires of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Rep. Hanna, of Illinois, moved that the Lodge now take up for consideration the resolution offered by him at the last session, page 3384, Journal of last session, as follows:

Resolved, That the proper officers of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment may issue a visiting or withdrawal card to any member entitled to the same, upon proper application being made therefor, in writing, without a vote of such Lodge or Encampment—such action to be reported and said application to be filed at the next regular meeting of the Lodge or Encampment.

The Lodge refused to consider the resolution.

Rep. Carlton, of Ohio, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS the acting Grand Sire, Bro. Herndon, having, during the past two sessions of this body, presided over its deliberations with credit to himself and fidelity to the Order, and during the recess of this body performed the arduous and responsible duties appertaining to the station of M. W. Grand Sire, therefore,

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered to him, for his faithfulness and devotion to the Order during the past two years, and, as an appreciation of his services, he be requested to sit for his Portrait, the same to be placed among the Portraits of the Past Grand Sires.

Resolved, That an appropriation of ..... dollars be made to carry out the foregoing resolution.

On motion of Rep. Veitch, the blank in the resolution was filled with one hundred dollars.

Rep. Terwilliger, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Representatives are hereby tendered to the brethren of Baltimore, for the renewed acts of friendship and hospitality which the Representatives have received at their hands.

Rep. Gilmore, of Northern New York, moved the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge are due and hereby tendered to P. G. Rep. L. A. Thomas, of Connecticut, for the satisfactory manner in which he performed the duties of Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge at the last session, during the absence and illness of R. W. Grand Secretary Ridgely.

On motion of Rep. Sprague, of Michigan, the Lodge now agreed to consider the report of the Special Committee to whom was referred the matter of the inquiry touching the occupancy of a seat in the last Grand Lodge from Oregon, by P. G. Barnum.

Pending the consideration of the question, Rep. Hanna, of Illinois, moved that P. G. Rep. Barnum be heard on the subject, which was agreed to.

P. G. Barnum accordingly appeared and made a statement.

The question now being on the adoption of the report of the committee, Rep. Barry, of Indiana, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That all action on the above report be postponed, as the right of Bro. Barnum to a seat in this Grand Body at the last session, as a Representative from Oregon, has never been officially repudiated by that Grand Body.

The Chair named the following as the special committee provided for in the resolution touching the Wildey monument:

Committee to Receive Plans for Wildey Monument.—Reps. Escavaille, of Maryland; Brown, of District of Columbia; Stokes, of Pennsylvania; Buckley, of New Jersey, and Smith, of Southern New York.

The Chair named the following as the special committee provided for by the resolutions of Rep. Cassedy, of New Jersey, on the subject of appeals:

Committee to Simplify Appeals.—Reps. Cassedy, of New Jersey; Gilmore, of Northern New York; Porter, of Massachusetts; Cady, of Kentucky, and Allison, of Indiana.

The Chair named the following additional members of the Committee on Revision of the Secret Work, provided for by resolution passed in secret session: Rep. Veitch, of Missouri, and G. C. and R. Secretary Ridgely.

Rep. Burnham, of Maine, moved the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That ten copies of the Revised Journal be printed and furnished each member after the adjournment for distribution.

On motion of Rep. Kidder, of New Hampshire, the Lodge now proceeded to the installation of Grand Officers elect.

The M. W. Grand Sire announced the following form and order of presentation of the Grand Officers elect for installation:

P. G. M. James B. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, the M. W. Grand Sire elect, will be presented by P. G. M. Wm. Chidsey, of Ohio, and P. G. M. Geo. W. Cassedy, of New Jersey.

P. G. M. Wm. H. Young, of Maryland, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire elect, will be presented by P. G. M. Isaac M. Veitch, of Missouri, and P. G. M. D. Gilmore, of Northern New York.

P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Maryland, the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary elect, will be presented by P. G. P. E. H. Barry, of Indiana, and P. G. M. Krogman, of Massachusetts.

P. G. M. Joshua Vansant, of Maryland, R. W. Grand Treasurer elect, will be presented by P. G. M. Joseph Kidder, of New Hampshire, and Grand Rep. Cornelius A. Logan, of Kansas.

The Chair presented the bond of the Grand Treasurer elect for approval, which, on motion of Rep. Carlton, of Ohio, was approved, and ordered to be filed with the Grand Secretary.

P. G. M. James B. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania, M. W. Grand Sire elect, being presented by P. G. M. Wm. Chidsey, of Ohio, and P. G. M. Geo. W. Cassedy, of New Jersey, at the foot of the chair, was qualified by the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire presiding, and seated on the right of the chair.

P. G. M. Wm. H. Young, of Maryland, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire elect, was presented by P. G. M. I. M. Veitch, of Missouri, and P. G. M. Dexter Gilmore, of Northern New York, and seated on the right of the chair.

P. G. M. James L. Ridgely, of Maryland, the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary elect, was presented by P. G. P. E. H. Barry, of Indiana, and P. G. M. Sam'l B. Krogman, of Massachusetts, and qualified and conducted to his seat.

P. G. M. Joshua Vansant, the R. W. Grand Treasurer elect, was presented by P. G. M. J. Kidder, and Grand Rep. Logan, of Kansas, and qualified and conducted to his seat.

The Grand Sire elect nominated the following Grand Officers:

Rev. Bro. P. G. M. I D. Williamson, of Ohio, for R. W. Grand Chaplain.

P. G. M. B. W. Dennis, of Michigan, for R. W. Grand Marshal.

P. G. Augustus Pfaff, of Pennsylvania, for R. W. Grand Guardian.

P. G. John E. Chamberlain, of Maryland, for R. W. Grand Messenger.

These nominations having been unanimously confirmed, the nominees present were conducted to their respective seats.

The M. W. Grand Sire James B. Nicholson, the ceremony of installation being concluded, addressed the Lodge as follows:

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES: You have called me to this exalted station not for the purpose of elevating a brother, but to perform the duties that devolve upon the presiding officer of the supreme tribunal of the Order in the United States. Grateful as I am for the preference shown to me over brothers eminent for their virtues and distinguished for their abilities, I feel no sentiment of personal pride animating my heart at this moment, but rather a sentiment of humility in contemplating the vast responsibility that devolves upon me—a sentiment, however, that does not crush, but strengthen. It is not for man to *command* success—he can *deserve* it. Such shall be my aim, laboring and co-operating with you and with the Brotherhood in strengthening and perpetuating the bonds of our Fraternity, so that its moral splendor may grow brighter and brighter until the dawn of the perfect day of *humanity*.

This has been an interesting and harmonious session; in some respects it commands more than usual attention. It will be remembered in after days that whilst "grim-visaged war shook its horrid front" in your very faces, almost in the sight of armed legions, the sound of whose conflicts reverberated through the surrounding valleys, you met to perform a solemn duty, to honor the memory of the man before whose enduring fame that of destroyers "pale their ineffectual fires;" to lay broad and deep the foundations upon which will rest a monument of grateful affection that will tower above and outlast the stars: Religion and music, learning and eloquence have poured forth their rich treasures at the foot of the shrine that commemorates the services to humanity of the humble hero, THOMAS WILDEY.

Surely peace hath victories more glorious than those of war. None weep that Wildey lived, but thousands rejoice, and if we are but faithful to our duties, millions will have cause to bless his name, and that of the early pioneers of Odd-Fellowship in America. We are the inheritors of the fruits of their labors; let us, whilst we cherish their memory, determine that so far as in us lies the Order shall be perpetual. When the historian of the present shall hereafter write up the record of events, we trust that he will not be constrained to say that through our indifference we suffered the noble edifice that Wildey reared to perish and crumble at our feet. If the spirit of the venerable patriot is permitted to hover over the scenes that he loved so well and now looks beamingly down upon us, I invoke the strength and perseverance of his own great heart, and may we all carry from hence a moral power that will give an impetus to the progress of the Order all over the land.

Our work is not done; we are still stumbling with uneven pace over the broken arches of the bridge of time; the wail of the fallen and sinking reach our ears at every step, and we must help them, or they perish. There is a mighty sorrow in the land; the widowed, the orphaned, and distressed demand our care, our sympathy, and our relief.

Here is a work worthy of you—a work that Wildey in his younger days would have led you in. Go from hence to your respective jurisdictions, thrust your sickles into the great harvest of human benefaction, and reap flowers perennial, that will bloom in immortal fragrance when the things of earth shall have passed away.

Permit me to express the hope that the time may soon come when matrons and maidens shall so rejoice that the lisping infant in its mother's arms will gleefully repeat the gladsome words: Peace, peace, war no more; when the banners of our Order, still high advanced, shall gather under their peaceful folds all America's sons; when the Grand Lodge of the United States shall be filled with Representatives not only from Canada to Louisiana, from New Jersey to Oregon, but from the Islands of the Sea, all uniting their energies and exertions for the triumph of the principles of humanity, and for the spread of the Order around the globe.

Representatives, accept my grateful acknowledgments for the many personal manifestations of your kindness and esteem; for this last mark of your confidence, from my "heart of hearts" I thank you.

The business of the session having been concluded, the M. W. Grand Sire called upon the R. W. Grand Chaplain, who addressed the Throne of Grace, whereupon, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire proclaimed the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, *Corresponding Secretary*.

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INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD-FELLOWS.

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D. D. GRAND SIRES FOR THE YEAR 1863.

Delaware—P. G. M. Henry Eckel.....Wilmington.
Vermont—P. G. M. James Mitchell.....Burlington.
Arkansas—P. G. James A. Henry. .....Little Rock.
Lower Provinces—P. G. John A. Fuller..Halifax, Nova Scotia.
Canada West—P. G. M. S. G. Dolson.....St. Catharines.
Oregon—P. G. H. A. Conningham.....Albany.
Florida—P. G. Asa B. Clark. .....Tallahassee.
Minnesota—P. C. P. J. B. Slichter.....St. Paul.
Kansas—P. G. J. C. Hemingray .....Leavenworth.
Nebraska—G. Sec. Wm. L. Boydston .....Nebraska City.
Sandwich Islands—P. G. R. A. S. Wood...Honolulu.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

[1] Thomas Wildey .....Baltimore, Maryland.
[2] James Gettys .....Georgetown, D. C.
[3] George Keyser .....Baltimore, Maryland.
Samuel H. Perkins.....Philadelphia, Pa.
[4] Zenas B. Glazier .....Wilmington, Delaware.
John A. Kennedy .....New York City.
[5] Howell Hopkins .....Philadelphia, Pa.
Thomas Sherlock .....Cincinnati, Ohio.
[6] Horn R. Kneass.....Philadelphia, Pa.
[7] Robert H. Griffin.....Savannah, Georgia.
William W. Moore.....Washington, D. C.
Wilmot G. DeSaussure .....Charleston, S. Carolina.
William Ellison.....Boston, Massachusetts.
George W. Race.....New Orleans, La.
Samuel Craighead.....Dayton, Ohio.
R. B. Boylston .....Winsboro', S. C.

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[1] Died October 19, 1861. [2] Died August 15, 1844. [3] Died Sept. 19, 1837.
[4] Died Novem'r 11, 1858. [5] Died July, 1858. [6] Died Dec. 12, 1861.
[7] Died Decem'r 14, 1855.

PAST DEPUTY GRAND SIRES.

John P. Entwisle	Baltimore, Maryland.
John Welch	Baltimore, Maryland.
Thomas Scotchburn	Baltimore, Maryland.
Robert Neilson	Baltimore, Maryland.
John Pearce	Philadelphia, Pa.
Frederick Leise	New York City.
William W. Moore	Washington, D. C.
Horn R. Kneass	Philadelphia, Pa.
William S. Stewart	St. Louis, Missouri.
Albert Case	Charleston, S. Carolina.
Newell A. Thompson	Boston, Massachusetts.
Asher S. Kellogg	Detroit, Michigan.
Herman L. Page	Milwaukie, Wisconsin.
Horace A. Manchester	Providence, R. Island.
George W. Race	New Orleans, Louisiana.
Timothy G. Senter	Portsmouth, N. H.
Edward H. Fitzhugh	Wheeling, Virginia.
Milton Herndon	Crawfordsville, Ind.

APPENDIX.

EULOGY

ON THE

LIFE AND CHARACTER

OF

Thomas Wildey, P. G. Sire,

PRONOUNCED ON THE 16th OF SEPTEMBER, 1862,

In the Front street Theatre, Baltimore,

AT THE REQUEST OF THE

R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, I. O. O. F.

BY

JAMES L. RIDGELEY, P. G. M.

I. O. O. F.

R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States,

SEPTEMBER 16, 1862.

On motion of Rep. Barry, of Indiana:

Resolved, That the very able Eulogy so eloquently delivered by our R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, on the life and labors of P. G. Sire Wildey, has added to the many obligations our whole Order is already under to James L. Ridgely for his ever ready advocacy, support and defence of Odd-Fellowship.

Resolved, That Bro. Ridgely be requested to publish the Eulogy this day delivered, as an Appendix to the Journal of this session.

EULOGY.

Ladies and Gentlemen and Brother Odd-Fellows:

We are here to-day to discourse of the dead; of one who, although removed from our midst, and gathered to repose from the scene of his labors on earth, yet is not dead, but lives again; lives, no longer pressed beneath the weight of years, with silvered locks and tottering step, but, yielding as the matured shock to the scythe of time, is garnered in the great harvest home: yet still lives, in all the freshness of youth, in the full robust stature of manhood, as we were accustomed to look upon him many long years gone by, moving with elastic and buoyant tread among us: who, although we see him not with the natural eye, is yet before us in the vivid memories of the past, in the creations of his genius, in the lustre sparkling from the coronet which wreathes his brow; still lives in the prayers and ministrations which go up from a thousand altars; in the undying deeds of mercy, "which do follow after him;" in the heart of the solaced widow, the relieved brother, and the uplifted orphan; in the blessings which he scattered broadcast along the slippery paths of life; in the sighs subdued and the tears wiped away by the spirit of his broad humanity: still lives, and will continue to live, in the comeliness and beauty and moral sublimity of his benefactions to the human family. Every page of the story of Odd-Fellowship, from its first feeble glimmerings upon the world, through its eventful progress, amid conflict and trial, obloquy and reproach, until it sweep across the horizon, scattering every obstacle from its track and crowning the evening of his life and the labors of his youth with imperishable renown, is fragrant with his presence.

To speak of such a man in becoming terms fills me with embarrassment. The partiality of my brethren, rather than their judgment, has assigned to me the office, and I grieve that I cannot bring to its performance an ability correspondent to my love and veneration for the memory of the dead, nor intellectual power capable of rising to the proper level of the subject.

I am relieved, however, in a good degree, from this pressure, by the memory of the fact that you, my brethren, have been contemporaneous with the deceased. He has lived in your midst; you have witnessed his massive labors; you have been the subject of his earnest ministrations; have beheld his self-sacrificing spirit, his unremitting toil of love; have known his perfect disinterestedness; have felt, and are now feeling, the blessings which the genius of the institution he founded inspires, and the corresponding happiness which they secure.

And not only you, but many others who are here, have shared his friendship, and have for years observed his modest, humble, and retiring walk of life; how he avoided the gaze and notice of the world, secluding himself, not that he might advance his own fortunes, but that he might contribute to the interests of the million. You may draw his picture by the life; may form and fashion it in your own minds. Your delineation, deduced from personal intercourse and knowledge, will be exact in the lines and features, because it will in truth *Daguerre* the man; and thus the character of our Brother, however I may fail, can suffer no detriment at your hands.

The single idea of his life was Fraternity, in its broadest and comprehensive sense. To conquer self, the master vice of human nature, was the paramount love which animated his heart. Born in humble circumstances, and thrown among the working classes in early life, in a country where the population was surcharged, he beheld the oppressions, the sufferings, the privations inseparable from stinted reward, and the misery which pined and endured, yet refused to complain. The busy world did not, or would not, enter this field; it laid in obscure and uninviting paths. The spirit of benevolence, according to his philosophy, was not distinctive in men; earth and self had enslaved it: however the tender and sympathetic might for the moment excite, they failed to enlist succor, or produce fruits; the heart must be trained and educated for such service; and, humble as he was, surrounded by no friends of influence, without wealth, comparatively illiterate, he entered upon the noble work.

It is true the moral law, apart from higher and holier command, taught the fraternal relation of men; yet the practice negatived the precept. Man has ever been the enemy of man, the history of the world is but a reflex of this truth. The apothegm of the Roman represents man "as a wolf to his fellow man;" * and the human race to have been preying upon itself ever since creation. Civilization and a higher refinement, in some degree, in early times, rescued the race from the imputation; yet a larger sympathy, a deeper humanity, and a more generous fraternity have been the offspring of culture, of discipline, of active interposition, of association and affiliation, which in their turn are instinctive of Christianity. The duty and the obligation is primary, and the moral was as imperative in the beginning, and under the light of nature, as it is now. However human laws or human institutions or principles may change, the moral is innate and imperishable, and underlies the whole structure of society in all its organized forms. This law ever taught the relations and obligation between men with clearness and precision, and its great elements, and their universality of acceptance among all men, have characterized every age of the race. Christianity, as illustrated in the life and example of its great author, has refined, sublimated, and intensified the truth, yet the principle itself belongs to creation. The great

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* Homo, hominis lupus.

apostle of the Gentiles and the eminently learned Hebrew was as conversant with the principle while, in his latter character, he persecuted the Christian unto death, as when, under the light of a blessed revelation, he preached his Master's precept "that no man liveth to himself;" for he had inhaled the sentiment instinctively, and had been invoked to its practice by the learning of the Platonic school, which taught that "man was not born for himself alone; that his country and his fellows claimed a share of him."

In vain, however, shall we explore the past for illustrations of the humanitarian principle; the moral with them was substantially an abstraction; a myth of the ethic code, a thing of philosophy. But that about which they learnedly discoursed and reasoned is no longer a mere moral; it is the key-stone of the great arch of Christianity, on which is emblazoned in letters of gold the command that man "should love his neighbor as himself, and should do unto others as he would that they should do unto him." Yet, under this benign and blessed rule, with all its healing for the deceased spirit, with all its heaven-born solace for the ills and trials of life, with all its precious promises, with the aid of its sublime and stupendous model, superadded to statute and example, "man's inhumanity to man still makes countless millions mourn."

This inhumanity, if not positive, is negative; if not acted directly and overtly, is displayed by stolid apathy and unconcern. The tenant of the palace sits securely from the storm which riots outside, and amid the terrific and commanding wail of the elements, as they startle his nerves and disturb his composure, he may shrink at the guilt which conscience summons, but when the clouds disperse, the winds slumber, and the clear blue sky smiles again, he little thinks, little knows, perhaps, little cares for the toiling million; their wants, their woes, their sorrows, or their sufferings disturb his equanimity no more than if they were not of the same race or family. This picture, in a thousand varied forms, is daily seen in every city, town, and village the world over. Just here, as an humble offering in the Master's cause, doth Odd-Fellowship intervene.

In the providence "which shapes men's ends," Thomas Wildey, impelled by the goodness and largeness of his noble heart, planned his scheme of human benefaction; humble, it is true, considering the area of human wretchedness, yet mighty in the aggregate of good it has achieved within the sphere of its action. With what zeal he entered comparatively alone upon the work, with what devotion he adhered to his purpose, through what varied fortune and with what self-sacrifice he toiled, and the seals which God gave for his reward, we shall see in the sequel.

How few, when we regard the myriads of human beings who have lived and moved upon this earth as we now live and move, and who have passed away as the leaves of autumn from its surface, have survived death; who, being dead, still live in the memory of men! Nor is this experience confined to the humbler and less conspicuous grades of men; many have attained celebrity and renown in their day and

generation, in some path of art or science, in some field of genius and mental vigor—it may be as benefactors, as patriots, whose lives have been offered up on their country's altar; yet even these have perished away from human sight, and their memory lost in the maze and labyrinth of revolving years, is whelmed beneath the oblivious waves of Lethe's stream. It is alone those who have loomed up, upon the world's canvass, with pre-eminent and colossal grandeur, that the memory enshrines from generation to generation, and reveres with a devotion and earnestness which the ever interposing marvels and novelties the world supplies cannot abate, and whose lustre the rust of time can neither dim nor obscure, much less destroy. These stand out in bold relief upon the panorama of the past, as great stars upon its vast sky, fixed, permanent, and unchangeable, growing brighter and brighter as ages roll on, casting along the vista of time away into the unknown future rays of quenchless light.

Here, at the distance of thousands of years from the Patriarchal age, may we look upon these stars, as they glisten from age to age in the moral firmament, not a ray relaxed, not a beam subdued or made feint or less intense, but, as time advances and the unborn come forth to close up the serried ranks of receding millions, still illuming and instructing and encouraging by their deathless example. Following the Patriarchal age, along the lengthening way in each succeeding sphere, we may behold the great law-giver; the priests, the prophets, and the oracles of the Most High; David upon his throne, or as the sweet Psalmist of Israel; and Solomon in all his glory. Descending yet lower from sphere to sphere, we behold these lights radiating to a common centre far away in the East, above the plains of Judea, expanding and intensifying, and in the fullness of time blending in the great sun of Righteousness, the blaze of whose glory is the reflex of the great Jehovah, shining on, shining ever, until the last lingering twilight of time is merged in the boundless future.

Turning, if you please, from the survey of this quickening scene which the moral heaven unfolds, we may behold in the profane world, scattered here and there as mighty monuments upon the earth's surface, peering far above the common level, instances of greatness in men, marvellous and enduring, surviving in primitive freshness the rise and fall of empires and the mould of centuries; whose fame has come down from age to age unimpaired, challenging successfully every ordeal and test of time. These are familiar to the scholar and the gleaner of memorials of interest. But they do not always survive to command the approval and the admiration of succeeding ages. The characters of some come to us shaded with crime and vice; of others blurred with evil which outbalances the good; and still of others distinguished for abuse of towering intellect and genius Such live, it is true, but not as the virtuous great live, remembered, beloved, and embalmed in the heart of the people; they live only as beacons upon a rock-girt shore, to warn and guard the adventurer upon fame's great ocean against their pernicious example and influence.

The glory of the soldier, from the earliest times, appears to have more frequently dazzled and excited the admiration of men than distinction and eminence in other paths of life; yet when, with the skill and genius of his profession, the bold and successful captain has combined a lofty and generous humanity, we are the more apt to love and revere his gallantry and heroism, for the nobler qualities of heart which, amid the clash of arms and the strife of battle, attemper victory with love and mingle mercy with triumph. The man then overshadows the hero, the latter borrowing his greatest lustre from the excellence and nobility of the former. This truth is equally manifest in every other field of eminence, whether of art, science, or philosophy, and the higher and purer the moral of the man of history, the more enduring has been his renown. Such has been the verdict of men in every age.

To this touchstone we submit the fame of our Brother, as the author of a charity, a greater than which the world knows not, at least in our day and generation. He was born in the city of London, on the 15th day of January, 1783, during the reign of George III, and at the close of the Revolutionary war. At five years of age he was placed at school, where he had but limited opportunity of education, and from which he was withdrawn in his fourteenth year to be apprenticed to a trade, in which he continued until he reached his majority in the year 1804. Dedicated by his parents to a calling which required stalwart vigor of body, he thus laid the foundation, with the aid of steady and frugal habits, for the formation of a constitution of great power, and which appeared not only to withstand the exposure and accumulating toil incident to his pursuit, but to become indurated as life advanced, so that even in the sere and yellow leaf he was capable of an endurance which, while it surprised his brethren at its continued energy, gave proof that his physical man was a faithful ally of his moral nature. He was initiated into Lodge No. 17, of the Order of Odd-Fellows, in the city of London, in which he served in every capacity, from the humblest to the highest office, and was so distinguished for his zeal and diligence as an officer and member as to secure at the early age of twenty-three the substantial approbation of his brethren. Three years after his initiation he conceived the idea of forming a new Lodge in a distant locality of the city, with a view of enlarging the sphere of the Order and of diffusing more widely its benefits. This purpose was promptly carried into effect by the institution of Morning Star Lodge, No. 38. He was unanimously chosen its first presiding officer, and during his membership, which continued for ten years, he was three times called to fill the same chair. For thirteen years his efforts had now been sedulously directed to the great cause upon which he had entered so earestly the moment of attaining his majority. As the Manchester Unity of Odd-Fellows, from which organization in England we derive our being, was not formed until the year 1809, it is quite certain that Brother Wildey was connected with some one of the several independent organizations which confederated and formed the union in that year, now recognized as the Manchester

Unity. Little is known of his labors in England in the wide field of love, peace, and good-will towards men, but enough is supplied to assure us that he toiled with energy and zeal, and with a heart full of sympathetic emotion for the welfare of his fellow man.

After the close of the second struggle with Great Britain, our country soon recovered from the general prostration inseparable from a continued state of war; the busy hum of industry was heard again in every town, city and village, the marts of commerce again teemed with life and activity, the familiar ring of the anvil and the music of the shuttle resounded in every quarter, responsive to the energies and protective genius of a parental Government; the grateful earth poured its golden harvest in the lap of the husbandman from a thousand hills and valleys; the distant seas were whitened with precious freights, ventured by the enterprising merchant: prosperity, redolent from the hand of a benificent God, scattered blessings broadcast; and the twin queens, peace and plenty, held dominion over land and sea. These were the halcyon days of the Republic, when the memory of the blood-bought liberties of a free people were enshrined in their heart of hearts; when the genial influences of beneficent institutions reflected the wisdom and foresight of our fathers, and inspired a corresponding veneration in the people for cherished blessings; when love for the Constitution and the Union was virgin pure, and the force and power of Government dwelt rather in the love which the law awakened than in the fear of its pains; when the splendor and munificence of the heritage was revered and cherished, and American citizenship, like that of Rome, felt the full measure of its immunity, amid whatever surroundings and however remote from country: when that country, rising from a conflict with the mightiest race of men with laurels upon her brow, claimed and received her appropriate place among the nations of the earth.

In these auspicious days came the exile and the emigrant, invited by your laws and the genius of your institutions, from the uttermost parts of the earth, to the land of Washington, the home of the brave and the shrine of the free; to that country where the temple of liberty was reared: under whose majestic dome, resting upon massive columns, symbolizing the Magna Charta of human rights, the sons and daughters of oppression sought and found shelter; to that country where the divine right to govern and inequality of birth were sternly ignored; where a hightoned enlightenment, chastened and directed by the genius of Christianity, supplied a firm support and a sure protection for life, liberty and property. Among this number was the subject of our memoir. He saw in the parental character of the Government; in the broad truth of the equality and corresponding fraternity among men which the Constitution and the laws proclaimed; in the conceded moral of the people, and the amplitude of the nation's domain, a more enlarged and fitting field for his labors in the cause of man.

On the 30th day of July, 1817, he bid adieu to his native land and embarked for America; he reached this city on the 2d of September

following, and without delay sought and obtained employment. At this period the business of the city languished in consequence of the prevalence of the yellow fever, which for a season paralyzed the citizens, especially on Fell's Point, the locality in which Brother Wildey resided. He did not quail beneath this storm, so unexpected, and for which he was so poorly provided; he firmly stood his ground, stranger as he was, and passed unscathed the terrific ordeal. He was not, however, an idle spectator amid the trying scenes around him; the condition of things invoked his humanity, and his generous heart responded promptly to the call: among his fellow workmen and in his immediate circle his labors were unremitting and self-sacrificing, inspirited by that enlarged sympathy for suffering and distress which had already been developed in his nature. Through the providence of God, whilst death was all around him, he was spared from the "pestilence which walketh in darkness and wasteth at noonday" for a yet larger and more extended sphere of usefulness.

In the following year, having formed the acquaintance of Mr. John Welch, a fellow countryman, who had also been an Odd-Fellow in England, the subject of introducing the Order in this country was discussed. Mr. Welch cordially entered into Brother Wildey's suggestion for the formation of a Lodge, and, after various unsuccessful efforts to increase their number, they adopted the expedient of advertising through the public press; accordingly the advertisement was so made in the Baltimore American, in the following words:

"NOTICE TO ALL ODD-FELLOWS.—A few members of the Society of Odd-Fel-
"lows will be glad to meet their Brethren for consultation upon the subject of
"forming a Lodge. The meeting will be held on Friday evening, the 2nd
"March, 1819.

This advertisement was continued for one month and failed to assemble a sufficient number to form a Lodge. But two persons appeared who acquiesced in the purpose; one other was required to make up the number necessary, and the advertisement was re-inserted in the same paper on the 27th March, 1819, which produced the desired effect. On the 13th April, 1819, Messrs. John Welch, John Duncan, John Cheatham, and Richard Rushworth assembled at the dwelling of Brother Wildey and arranged with him the preliminaries for the formation of a Lodge of Odd-Fellows, and on the 26th day of the same month the purpose was consummated by the institution of Washington Lodge, No. 1.

Thus was set in motion that organization of men which is now known and recognized as the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows on this Continent, and which has diffused itself to distant climes. Of its progress from this humble beginning through the many chequered fortunes which beset its path, and of its gradual advance from feeble and sickly infancy to its present proportions, as an effective agent for good, it cannot be expected that on an occasion like this much can be said; time will suffice to review only such of the salient incidents of the Order's progress with which the life and character of our departed Brother is intimately associated.

Odd-Fellowship made but little progress for several years after its organization. Like all other enterprises which have for their authors humble and obscure men, it had to struggle up against disfavor, apathy, and a want of confidence. Brother Wildey could bring to its aid no friends in high places, no collateral influence or patronage. It was thus self-dependent, and relied only upon its intrinsic excellence. Under circumstances so well calculated to dishearten ordinary men, Brother Wildey persevered, content with the consciousness of good motive, and assured that the great benefit which success promised was worthy a bold struggle for its attainment. At the end of ten years from the 26th April, 1819, Thomas Wildey reviewed the field which he and his co-laborers had traversed. He beheld the feeble and attenuated child of his philanthropic heart now attaining the ripening proportions of youth, flushed with the glow of health and vigor. The object of his deep solicitude and anxious hope for ten long years was now free from the dangers which had so long checked its career, and, with active and healthful tread, was on the move, like the little rill which, springing from beneath the mountain rock, and struggling now with this, now with the other and still increasing obstacles, yet gathers strength from the very pressure against it, and, overleaping the barriers in its way, pursues its course onward and onward, from mountain to valley, through hill and meadow, irrigating, enriching, and refreshing as it goes. Brother Wildey had, during that period, instituted four Lodges in Maryland, organized the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States, and originated the Patriarchal Order; he had extended the institution to Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia, in each of which States Grand Lodges had been formed, and out of these Grand Lodges the present Grand Lodge of the United States. To effect these objects, and to render the system free from incongruity and conflict, it was necessary thoroughly to remodel and reorganize the form of government. He found this no ordinary task. Washington Lodge, No. 1, from its position as the head of the Order, was asked to descend to the level of a Subordinate, and the Grand Lodge of Maryland and of the United States, as it was then styled, was to divest itself of all jurisdiction outside the State, and become one of the confederacy of State Grand Bodies. This reform was effected. Nor is this all;—Brother Wildey discovered, in visiting Philadelphia, New York, and Boston, that in each of these cities Lodges of Odd-Fellows existed, independent of each other, each claiming seniority to him. This state of things would doubtless have discouraged many, but Brother Wildey, by earnest and persevering conference, overcame it, and united each of these Lodges with him in the common league. He had served during this period as Noble Grand of Washington Lodge, No. 1, Chief Patriarch of Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, for two terms as Grand Master of Maryland, and for four years as Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States. He had administered a general superintendence over the Order everywhere, so that it may be truthfully

said of him up to this time, that, however efficiently he was sustained by his contemporaries in after years, he was the master spirit which gave life and energy to all its movements.

From this stand-point, in his inaugural address upon the occasion of his installation for the second term as Grand Sire, in 1829, he congratulates the assembled Representatives from the several State Jurisdictions, "that although but ten years had elapsed since first "Odd-Fellowship planted its standard on this soil of freedom, for-"ty Lodges were enrolled under its banners, and more than five "thousand have been initiated into its mysteries;" and with prophetic ken he lifted the vale of time and saw in the dim distance the triumph awaiting his unfaltering labors, culminating in the beautiful moral spectacle which greeted his declining life. Of that future, thus enrolled before him, he then said to his brethren, "that by a steady "adherence to the principles of the Order every obstacle to the high "mission of Odd-Fellowship will disappear, and the sacred flame of "Friendship will everywhere burn upon the altar of the human heart, "emitting a grateful incense, and presenting an acceptable offering in "the cause of man." In this decade of the Order, in all the work of active administration, he was indebted to others for but little aid, yet he was accustomed to name with grateful emotion several of his compeers, whose co-operation and assistance he highly valued and appreciated. Most of these have gone before him—the few that remain are not forgotten. They are still (though far advanced on life's journey) in harness, and will be found, as their early friend and benefactor was found, on duty when they shall be summoned home. I detract no merit from them, I am sure, in saying that as the idea of the organization itself was original with him, so likewise was the genius which produced its government his own. True, the weaving up and embodiment of his ideas and suggestions may have enlisted the aid of minds of higher culture and education than his own, yet the strong and vigorous sense which characterized all his counsels in the Order sketched the bold, clear, and distinctive outline.

Heretofore the leading interest of Odd-Fellowship had been directed to the personal or physical aids of the membership and their families —it was now to enlarge the area of its offices. The moral of the Order began now to assume the more commanding aspect suggested by the broad spirit of philanthrophy. The Patriarchal Order, drawn from the most revered and sacred source of authority, and the degrees of the Covenant and Remembrance, of like origin, had been introduced; the lectures, charges, and ritual spoke of higher, richer, and nobler t ophies yet than the binding up of bruised hearts, the midnight vigils around the sick, and the pious care of the dead. These were precious and noble offerings, it was true: but Odd-Fellowship, while it faithfully acted them all out, could not stop here; there were other kindred and equally eloquent claims upon its beneficence. The Order now began to look beyond the physical man to his moral nature, and sought to lift him to his true weight in the scale of being, to hold him to a strict standard of life, to impress him with the value of char-

acter among his fellows, to lead him to a true appreciation of his whole duty, whether to God, himself, or his brother man adrift amid the storms and breakers of life. To this end Brother Wildey applied his accustomed energy and perseverance. The work however was no longer within his individual grasp, the Order had now, by its new form of government, passed into other hands; each State Jurisdiction was to be consulted, and the Grand Lodge of the United States was to determine; the man whom no obstacle hitherto could deter did not shrink behind this new trial, but in this, as in all his former efforts to advance the interests of Odd-Fellowship, labored on to success. Beside this great enlargement of the area of the ministrations of the Order, Brother Wildey was untiringly employed in its details of work; he made an official visit to each State, instituting Subordinate Lodges and Encampments and Grand Lodges, instructing the brethren, adjusting conflicts of jurisdiction and local dissensions, and stimulating the membership by his example and influence to active labor. These visits were at a period of time when facilities of intercourse between Baltimore and distant points were not, as now, supplied by railway, but the journey even to Philadelphia, New York, and Boston occupied weeks of time, was attended with great personal inconvenience and danger, and involved comparatively large expense. All these difficulties were surmounted, regardless of the tax upon his time and purse, the latter of which had ever been opened wide, as an essential auxiliary to the promotion of the cause so dear to his heart. God had prospered him, and he made that prosperity instrumental for good, as far as it could be so employed, throughout his whole active career in the Order. In the year 1826, at his own cost, Brother Wildey made a pilgrimage across the ocean to Manchester, England, the then Mecca of Odd-Fellowship. Those were not the days of steamships or palatial packet lines; the voyage was slow, monotonous and full of danger, and his time was wholly surrendered to the object of his mission. The Order which he had instituted, although self-created or or ganized independently of England, had nevertheless obtained the approval of the authorities of the Order in that country, and Washington Lodge, No. 1, of Maryland, had accepted a charter from the Duke of York's Lodge at Preston, Lancaster, bearing date the 1st day of February, 1820. From this Lodge the Order in America originated; yet in the progress of Odd-Fellowship the English charter had been ignored, and a wholly independent form of government had been substituted. If fellowship was to be preserved with the Order in England, it was necessary that the assumed distinctive organization should be recognized, and that the subject should be brought to the notice of our brethren in that country. There were also increasing difficulties, growing out of the want of identity in the work and uniformity in the language of the Order. In this necessity Brother Wildey volunteered the pilgrimage and crossed the ocean, reaching Liverpool on the 17th June, 1826. He was most affectionately received by the authorities of the Order at Manchester, and was greeted as the Father and Founder of American Odd-Fellowship, a title which he ever afterwards bore through life.

and which he so richly merited. I need not dwell upon the cordiality of his reception, upon the distinguished honors which were conferred upon him, upon the generous hospitalities and graceful courtesies that were extended to him—with this history you are familiar. I may only say that his arrival was greeted with sincere pleasure by his delighted brethren, who received him formally as a body and made him welcome as the guest of the Order; he was conducted throughout the entire jurisdiction, from city to city, from town to town, and from village to village, everywhere received by committees of the Order and Brethren, anxious to do him honor; his journey through England was in fact an ovation. The periodicals of the Order of that day have recorded the circumstances of this visit as one of the deepest interest to the Fraternity, and full of promise for the advancement of the Order. On the day fixed for his return to his adopted country, Brother Wildey was surprised by a visit of the Grand Officers of the Order, and, after a formal address to him, pronounced by a distinguished Brother, he was made the bearer of several memorials of Fraternity, which were presented to the Grand Lodge of the United States as a testimony of the interest awakened in that country by the success of Odd-Fellowship in America. Among these memorials was a charter, engrossed upon parchment, from the Grand Master and officers of the Order in England, recognizing the Grand Lodge of the United States, and surrendering all claim to jurisdiction in Odd-Fellowship in America. This was the great purpose of Brother Wildey's ambition, and although it had been the subject of much conversation and deliberation between him and the brethren in England, this was the first intimation of their purpose to comply with his request, and was therefore the more gratifying. Perhaps no part of the very interesting history of Brother Wildey's self-sacrifice and devotion for Odd-Fellowship is more honorable than his bearing in this connexion. The authorities with whom he was called officially to treat had arranged with him the terms of visitation between the membership of the two jurisdictions, had ratified the irregular institution of Washington Lodge, had adopted the two exclusively American degrees of the Covenant and Remembrance, and had entered into a compact for strict uniformity of work. All this had been done, and done with alacrity, yet Brother Wildey's great purpose was unsatisfied; he desired a recognition of the Order as an independent one, and the surrender of all claim on the part of the Manchester Unity to establish Lodges in America. The brethren in England hesitated and displayed reluctance on the subject: without a positive refusal, they rather avoided its consideration. At the last official interview they had made known to him their purpose to ask his acceptance of a memorial from them, expressive of their gratitude and admiration for his labors in the cause of Odd-Fellowship. Brother Wildey was greatly affected by this distinguished mark of their affection and love for him and appreciation of his exertions, and was moved to tears. The effect upon his brethren was kindred, and the scene became entirely emotional. Brother Wildey recurred to the subject which remained undetermined, and, whilst he acknowledged the com-

pliment so honorably tendered to him, intimated that the cause which they in common with him had most at heart, would be better served, and himself better honored, if, instead of a personal memorial to him, his Brethren would accede to the request of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in leaving to that body the exclusive care of the Order in America. This appeal had the desired effect, and our Brother, on the day appointed for his departure, embarked for his home with a light and joyful heart. Upon his arrival in Baltimore he received the gratitude of his brethren, and at the ensuing session of the Grand Lodge of the United States all his official acts were approved and endorsed by a vote of heartfelt thanks.

Let us now shift the scene, and, although from a more distant, yet from a more elevated stand-point, follow our Brother along his onward path in his mission of love. Let us take the wings of the morning, flee over time and space, and plant our feet upon the eminince to which he had borne Odd-Fellowship at the end of its second decade. In 1829 he entered upon his second official term as Grand Sire of the Order, having already served four years; in 1839 we find him in the same Grand Lodge, at Philadelphia, having surrended office and place in obedience to constitutional provisions of his own suggestion, as a private member of the Body, with unshaken energy and unfaltering zeal at the post of labor and responsibility. His administration had closed, but he sought neither retirement nor repose. He had, during his second term, again visited all the Northern Jurisdictions, animating and encouraging his brethren "to weary not in well doing," stilling dissensions, and "pouring oil upon the troubled waters." The Order was extending in every direction. It had been introduced into New Jersey and Rhode Island; he was there to give it life and energy. He carried it to Deleware, to Ohio, to Louisiana, Kentucky, and to Virginia, and upon his appearance at the annual session of 1833 at Philadelphia, the first proceeding of that Body recorded on its minutes attests the grateful affection which it cherished for the eminent and perfectly disinterested labors of this good man, who now seemed to have made Odd-Fellowship the business of his life. From every quarter of the Union there came up the most heart cheering reports of the general prosperity. The resolution of the Grand Lodge sets forth "that the untiring zeal, self-sacrificing labor, and cheering suc-
"cess of P. G. Sire Wildey in the work of Odd-Fellowship entitle
"him to the gratitude of every Odd-Fellow; that his unceasing in-
"dustry and untiring efforts to unite the Nation, from North to South
"and from East to West, in a common bond of Brotherhood, through-
"out his official career, and more especially by his recent disinterested
"mission to the Western and Southern States, invoke the most affec-
"tionate regard of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and devolve
"on the Body the just obligation of testifying its approval of eminent
"worth in an enduring form" The resolution was passed unanimously, and a committee was appointed to carry it into effect. At this session this faithful steward presented his last annual report as Grand Sire of the Order, his term being about to expire and his successor

having been chosen. In that report he recapitulates the herculean work performed, pours forth his acknowledgments to his Heavenly Master, and, oppressed with the deepest emotion, gives utterance to his overflowing heart in the following sentiment.—"I retire, my "Brethren, from this chair with mingled feelings of pleasure and "pride; the pleasure which the retrospect affords, and pride in be- "holding the certainty of still greater triumphs awaiting our efforts "in the future. Let us return the homage of our grateful hearts to "the Supreme Being for the guardian care with which he has fostered "our beloved Order. Let us invoke a continuance of his blessings. "May he guide and direct your counsels; may he, by the gentle "influence of love, lead you in your holy mission to the development "of pure humanity, as man's noblest work.

Although he had now attained to and passed all the honors and distinctions which the Order could confer, and was no longer invested with the robes and prerogatives of office, he did not, as men generally do, throw off as a worn garment his interest and concern for his early love, although, in so far as the continued prosperity of the Order was concerned, he might thus have done. There still remained a few of his early co-laborers in the moral vineyard, and he had raised up spirits kindred to his own, whose character, talents, and devotion to the institution offered the amplest security for its safety. But no ephemeral ambition for momentary fame or popular applause had supplied incentive to his love for the Order; self had no agency in giving impulse to his generous heart: on the contrary, all his efforts, all his offices and toil, were self-sacrificing from first to last. Throughout his whole career as an Odd-Fellow private interests, health, comfort, and worldly advantage, in all its forms, were surrendered freely and nobly upon the altar of that Order, which he loved and cherished with a devotion that never wavered, and, as age advanced upon him and infirmities crept on, became more and more intense. By virtue of his honors, as Past Grand Sire, he was under the Constitution a quasi member of the Grand Lodge of the United States, but, representing no particular constituency, he enjoyed no vote. He was nevertheless ever at his post, performing active service upon committees, and during a period of thirty-six years was never absent from his seat in that body, however distant its place of meeting from his home, except on three occasions, on each of which he was confined by severe illness. The resolution adopted at the session of 1833, contemplating the presentation of a service of plate to P. G. Sire Wildey, as a testimony of the high esteem in which his labors were held, had not yet been carried into effect, and it was determined at the communication of 1835 that the occasion of this presentation should be signalized with more than ordinary ceremony. The doors of the Grand Lodge were thrown open to the membership, and the then distinguished Representative from Pennsylvania, Bro. Howell Hopkins, accompanied the delivery of the offering with an eloquent address, expressive of the love, gratitude, and veneration entertained for one so eminently worthy of any honor which the body was capable of bestowing. This service of plate

was preserved by Brother Wildey with great regard, and continued to adorn his household during his life, and since his death, together with the many jewels and medals which he had received from the Lodges and Encampments of which he was a member, has been acquired by the Order of Maryland, to be preserved as sac ed memorials, and to be transmitted to his posterity as incentives to a noble imitation of his life and character. During this year of 1835 he was deputed by the Grand Sire upon a tour through the Northern and Eastern States, and in 1837 to visit Virginia, in which State he organized at Richmond a Grand Lodge. In 1838 he was deputed to visit the entire West and South, in pursuance of which he made an extended tour of three months' duration, through the States of Pennsylvania, Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Illinois, Missouri and Iowa. He was clothed with plenary power, and by virtue of it he established Lodges and Encampments in each of those States in which Grand Lodges did not exist. By the same authority he visited Tennessee, Arkansas, and Texas in the following year, adding these States within the great moral union, and, as he supposed, thus adding another tie to bind more firmly our common country. In 1840 the Grand Lodge of the United States ordered the full length portrait of Brother Wildey, which now graces the walls of the Egyptian Saloon in this city, and in 1841 again deputed him upon official business to the East and North. From this period the Grand Lodge of the United States, which had hitherto been for the most part composed of proxy representation, began to consider plans for assembling the State Jurisdictions by proper personal representations. In 1842 the measure was set on foot, and consummated in 1843. The effect of this wise act of legislation upon the prosperity of the Order it is almost impossible to value. It assembled Representatives in 1843 from twenty States, and in September, 1860, assembled Representatives from every State in the Union, not excepting Oregon, and from the District of Columbia and the Territory of Nebraska.

This Body, thus constituted, has since 1843 been the soul of Odd-Fellowship, and under its auspices the Order has covered this Continent. Stretching on the North from the British Possessions, it reaches to the Gulf, and from the Gulf to the Pacific shore; sweeping beyond the Continent, it rests upon the Hawaiian Isles, and thence careers still onward, making its abode among the teeming hills and golden sands of distant Australia. Notwithstanding the affairs of the Order were now committed to competent and zealous hands, and Odd-Fellowship under their direction was everywhere expanding and prospering, Brother Wildey did not cease to cherish the liveliest interest in its administration, and continued to be present at each Annual Communication of the Grand Body, no matter where convened. Many of the Grand Representatives who are now present have doubtless a vivid memory of his unexpected appearance in his seat at the annual session held at Nashville in 1860, pressed beneath the weight of years and disease, with infirm and tottering step, but his heart still true to its

youthful instincts; and again at the session in 1861, at Baltimore, when you looked upon him in the Grand Lodge chamber for the last time, receiving the congratulations and greetings of his grateful brethren with a countenance, although furrowed and stricken, yet radiant with joy at the consciousness that his mission of life had not been in vain. In a few short weeks after your adjournment his body sank to its final rest ere, perhaps, so me of you had reached your distant homes. It was my fortune to witness his last few days of life; to have received, as it were from his own lips, his parting words for his brethren. Amid the sufferings of the body and his general prostration, his mind never wandered; it was clear and unclouded, and dwelt almost exclusively upon that subject which had engrossed it for more than forty years. His worldly affairs gave him no concern, and he declined all notice of them. The great effort of his soul was now to bid adieu in some formal way to us all, to assemble us in his mind before him, and to pronounce a blessing upon our labors. Looking him earnestly in the face as he mirrored this noble sentiment, I expressed a readiness to commit his thoughts to writing. "To-morrow!" he feebly uttered, "To-morrw!" Alas! that morrow never came to him; the gorgeous sun, which was then pouring his golden flood of light upon his pillow, his eyes never again beheld. As I left him I grasped his hand, overwhelmed by the gushing memories of the past: we had been long companions; when but a boy, comparatively, he admitted me to his confidence and to his counsels: he had honored me with his friendship, which had never been interrupted during a period of more than thirty years: I had been his contemporary in the Order, and a witness of his labors and their splendid reward; these thoughts came fresh and unbidden as I looked upon his familiar and still serene countenance; I felt that I should not see him here below again. I was right; I never did, nor never shall.

Men will endure patient labor and will encounter great perils in the pursuit of wealth and honor. Brother Wildey was only so far the subject of this incentive as it seemed to supply an auxiliary to the paramount idea of his life; he made all the grosser passions subservient and tributary to this great cause, and notwithstanding he lived in a period of great business prosperity, when the road to fortune was comparatively easy and inviting, yet he conquered these alluring influences, keeping his heart and his eye single to the object which he had so sedulously pursued. Although his industry was rewarded with an ample competence, his habit was frugal, simple and unostentatious; his walk was humble, retired, obscure; his primary aspiration was to increase the area of his usefulness to his fellow-being, and he not only persistently refused all recompense, but often in the progress of his labors generously taxed his private resources.

The best test of a lofty and high-toned philanthropy is its perfect disinterestedness. We have Brother Wildey's life now before us, and it successfully challenges criticism and scrutiny as to motive. We know that he never derived any worldly advantage from Odd-Fellowship; that, on the contrary, in its incipient day and during its early

struggles, he sustain d it and preserved it from that fate which awaits all financial embarrassment; we know that after he had placed it upon a sure and solid basis, when its success was no longer problematical, he retired from all its honors and offices, and fell back to active service in the ranks as a private; and that, with all the opportunities which he enjoyed of securing wealth, for the last ten years of his life his means, although abundant for his accustomed simple habits, were nevertheless limited.

We can well understand men's actions when self and individual gain is the main spring; how they will suffer privation and earnestly toil for the sake of fame; how they will jeopard health and life itself in quest of human applause; will sacrifice principle and honor in pursuit of wealth; will, to supplant others and attain plac , scruple not at the means nor withhold labor; will endure physical exhaustion and every form of trial and conflict to attain some coveted object. The incentive to these passions is transparent. But when we behold this grosser prompting of our nature absent in the motive, its place supplied by a spirit of abnegation and self-sacrifice, and a whole life dedicated to works of love and deeds of mercy, ministered not in the highways in the sight and observation of men, not emblazoned through the press, but acted out among the lowly and careworn in the narrow paths, in the sequestered walks of men, where sickness, sorrow and desolation dwell; where the sunshine which gladdens the heart seldom or never enters; when we find the actor studious of obscurity, moving along noiselessly and unseen, happy in his office, patiently devoted to his heaven-blessed mission; renewing his energies and toils in the sphere in which he moves as time advances and his span of life contracts; invigorated in zeal as success crowns his work, and this work ceasing only with life itself; when we look upon such a career, we feel that in the spectacle we recognize the pure philanthropist, the full stature of a good man. Such a life elevates and exalts human nature; it vindicates man's capacity to subdue the passions which so frequently enslave him, and leaves no defence for the rule of wrong. In this moral atmosphere did our brother live and move and have his whole being, and although he dwelt in this city for half a century, and was personally known to many, he was known to few, if any, outside of our Order, for such qualities of heart, for such generous impulses of soul; he was rather judged by his frailties, from which he was, like each of us, not exempt, for he was human; yet the vastness and magnitude of the influences for good which his genius set in motion are known and felt every where in this broad land, in the islands of the ocean and in far distant climes, and we believe are destined to follow in the track of civilization wherever Christianity prevails.

The object of the institution which Bro. Wildey founded, and the success it has achieved in the pursuit of that object, are of general notoriety throughout the land, and no historian will stand acquitted of partiality or prejudice, in illustrating the annals of this age, who shall fail to give to Odd-Fellowship its appropriate place among the organized benevolent efforts of men. The good it has accomplished in

varied and multiplied forms has not been emblazoned and proclaimed to the world; such has not been its office. In the stillness and retiracy of the sick chamber its midnight vigils have been kept; there it has loved to linger. Its tears have been mingled with those of the widowed and made orphan; it has gone with these to the cold grave; it has returned with them to the house of mourning to breathe its precious and soothing sympathy at the hearth-stone. It has cheered amid desolation, sustained in the hour of need, and succored in affliction. These have been its ministrations; they are recorded in Heaven's great book of life, but here, not unlike mutes, they are eloquent in their very silence.

But, my friends who are not of the Order—so many of whom are here to-day—to you it may appear strange that the fame of a man thus eulogized should have been so contracted; that so few comparatively should have known or heard of it; that these great works of humanity, of which I have spoken, should not long since have forced their way to public notice; that this Odd-Fellowship, which you have seen and known only perhaps as displayed upon your streets in parades and processions, with, to you, unmeaning and unintelligible and perhaps grotesque banners and devices, if it has borne the fruit which is claimed for it, has not long ago commended itself to the State, to the religious community, to the moral and upright and humane everywhere. Under this influence you may be ready to exclaim that I have been weaving a fancy sketch, have been portraying rather the ideal than the real. To such I submit a brief yet comprehensive reply: it is a well received axiom that one fact is worth a thousand theories; to this test let us recur. Odd-Fellowship was organized in 1819; during its first decade it made but little progress. Starting with the year 1829, a few statistics derived from our records will describe the institution which Brother Wildey founded, not in outline, but in all its proportions, lights, and shadows, and thus verify all that I have said of him Since that year it has gathered within its folds, by initiation, four hundred and twenty-six thousand nine hundred and sixty-three members; its revenue, derived from weekly contributions, varying from six to twelve cents, from these members, has amounted to twenty million three hundred and sixty-eight thousand and fifty-seven dollars: of these receipts, after disbursements for ordinary expenses, amounting to five million and ninety-two thousand dollars, it has applied for the relief of the sick, the burial of the dead and the education of the orphan, the sum of eight million eight hundred and four thousand dollars, leaving a balance of six million four hundred and seventy-two thousand dollars for the same objects. These funds, thus employed, have relieved five hundered and fifty-eight thousand and sixty-eight members, and thirty-seven thousand five hundred and sixty-seven widowed families. The number of orphans educated out of this fund in the jurisdiction at large I am unable to state, but in Maryland, where this branch of the Order is much cherished, during this period two thousand seven hundred and forty-four children have been in charge of the Committee on Education, of

which number one thousand one hundred and ninety-three are still under care, and over five hundred have been placed at trades or other industrial pursuits of life.

Let these facts answer the difficulty suggested; they are eloquent of Brother Wildey's virtues, and speak a voice that will be heard in all future time.

It might be interesting to pursue the influences of the principles of Odd-Fellowship outside the sphere of their immediate action; to mark their effect upon society at large; how they have reclaimed the fallen man, have strengthened and encouraged the youth, and interposed in his behalf against the delusions and seductions of the world; how their moral has proved auxiliary to the law, incentive to laudable and proper ambition, made better citizens, better husbands, better fathers, better sons, better brothers; how our Order has, by lessening the area of human suffering, relieved the public burden; but as all these inquiries would lead to the wide field of conjecture and theory, we rest upon the facts of our history for the full developed character of Odd-Fellowship and its ample vindication.

Who shall say that Thomas Wildey doth not live again? And can the fame and name of such a man perish whilst virtue, and honor, and humanity survive? True, his is not the renown of the conquering hero, or the fame which embalms the memory of the eminent in science or the arts, in the cabinet or at the forum, nor that which consecrates the martyr or the patriot; yet his honor is of the element of that which makes up true greatness, for it is for qualities of heart, not less than for deeds of daring or power of intellect, that enduring fame is most often secured.

In the character of the great and good man whom a beneficent God vouchsafed to the nation in the hour of its severest trial; whom men of all shades of opinion are accustomed to reverence as the Father of his Country, and whose like I fear we shall never look upon again; in the character of George Washington, covered, as it is, all over with glory, if it were possible to distinguish pre-eminence among the cluster of virtues which so ennobled him, it would be due to truth and candor to allow that his true greatness was most beautifully and forcefully portrayed in his goodness of heart, his spirit of sympathy, his humanity, and his self-sacrificing nature. His military grandeur and his lofty patriotism, however renowned the one or commanding the other, borrowed lustre from the pure and sterling virtues which characterized every important act of his life. "A true portrait of Wash-
"ington, as it is now hung up by history as conspicuously as if it
"sparkled in one of the constellations of the sky, would seem to be
"rather an analysis of moral principles than the recital of a hero's
"exploits." Such was the judgment of his contemporaries, and such will be the discriminating verdict of posterity in all time to come. As, in the combination of colors, the bolder and stronger are restrained and mellowed by the softened tints which the genius of the artist creates, so in the character of a great man, in whatever field of

life, the several elements combined which make up his fame are controlled and chastened by the presence and pre-eminence of the milder and gentler virtues.

If you will go with me in imagination through the crowded thoroughfares of the metropolis of the world, leaving behind as we move the myriads of human beings, which ebb and flow like a mighty tide, careless of each other's coming and going; pass through the narrow way which leads to the spot where stands the most beautiful structure of modern times, the great St. Paul's; ascend its massive steps, enter its spacious court, and stand beneath its majestic dome; around us we shall behold the monuments of England's glory, the memorials of her veneration for the illustrious dead. Here, emblazoned upon the wall, we read of the exploits of the heroes which gave renown to their country's arms; there, your heart will beat in unison with the voice of grief, which sorrows for the tragic end of the soldier whose life expiated at the hands of Washington the stern demand of duty; marvel you will, as you look around, above and beneath you, upon the vast temple in which you stand; at the towering genius which gave it life, whose immortality fame has welded with the grandeur of the massive pile itself. Read, digest and scan the memorials which on your every side adorn the silent yet voiceful structure! Its surroundings will subdue you with awe and solemnity, and will summon the willing tribute to a nation's honor.

Now turn from these imposing and stately tablets to a retired and humbler spot, and behold a monument inanimate, yet eloquent. It tells of an immortal man—modest and unpretending, it commemorates one whose fame belongs to the world; the inscription is brief, chaste, truthful; in soft and gentle tone it breathes the name and virtues of one

"Who trod an open, but
"unfrequented path to immortality."

In these few and simple words doth England pronounce the eulogy of the immortal Howard, whose name is the very synonym of philanthropy throughout the world, and is as imperishable and enduring as the virtues by which he ennobled and exalted the human race.

In this path, at an humble distance it may be from his great example, did Thomas Wildey sedulously follow, inspired by the holy impulses of his generous heart, and emulous only of that reward with which success crowned his labors. That noble heart has ceased to throb; it lives only in the grateful memory, which weaves a chaplet for his brow, fragrant and unfading as the moral which it reflects.

To us, my Brethren, he has bequeathed a rich heritage; let us cherish, let us preserve, let us transmit it.

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OF THE

R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States,

FROM ITS ORGANIZATION IN FEBRUARY, 1821, TO THE CLOSE OF THE SESSION OF 1862.

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Resolution Authorizing the Preparation of the Index.

In Grand Lodge of the United States,

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Resolved, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be empowered to have prepared such index and digest as in his judgment may be appropriate and suitable to accompany the revised Journals now in course of publication, and that the revised Journal of the present session be added to the fourth volume of said Journal.

See Journal, page 3489.

Test: JAS. L. RIDGELY, C. S.

PREFACE.

By authority of the resolution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, passed at September session, 1862, page 3489, authorizing the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary to have prepared such an Index to the new edition of the Journal of that body as in his judgment would be appropriate and suitable, the undersigned has the pleasure now to present to the Brotherhood that work, prepared by Rep. Francis A. Ellis, of Maryland, under and by virtue of his appointment. This Index, as has been heretofore intimated, refers exclusively to the legislation of the Grand Lodge in a continuous series, without distinguishing between repealed or obsolete laws, and is designed as a key to the entire legislation of the body from its formation in 1821 to the close of the session of 1862. In view of the great experience of the author, as a member of the Grand Lodge of United States, and of his peculiar fitness for the task, by reason of his professional familiarity with such subjects, and his general precision and accuracy of thought and research, his labors are submitted with confidence that they will give general satisfaction.

JAS. L. RIDGELY C. S

PART I.

PERSONAL REFERENCES,

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*Brother Ridgely was elected and installed GRAND *Corresponding Secretary* on the 24th of April, 1840, and subsequently on the 22d of September, 1841, elected and installed Grand Recording Secretary—and on the 17th of September, 1844, the two offices were, by double election, united in him; he being styled Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

Grand Treasurers.

	Names and Residence	Installed.	Journal.
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Rev. Junius M. Willey, of Connecticut	Sept. 15, 1851	1686
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Rev. James D. McCabe, of Virginia	Sept. 21, 1857	2696
Rev. A. Paul Repiton, of North Carolina	Sept. 19, 1859	3023
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Samuel Lucas, of Maryland	Oct. 9, 1835	199
William Curtis, of Pennsylvania	Sept. 19, 1843	542
John G. Treadwell, of New York	Sept. 16, 1845	779
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John R. Johnson, of Georgia	Sept. 18, 1849	1435
H. A. Crane, of Georgia	Sept. 9, 1850	1539
John Sessford, Jr., of District of Columbia	Sept. 15, 1851	1686
James M. Cassedy, of New Jersey	Sept. 5, 1853	1986
James W. Hall, of New York	Sept. 17, 1855	2446
Augustus Foute, of Mississippi	Sept. 21, 1857	2696
Isaac M. Tucker, of New Jersey	Sept. 24, 1858	2997
E. D. Farnsworth, of Tennessee	Sept. 21, 1860	3280
B. W. Dennis, of Michigan	Sept. 18, 1862	3504

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William Warren, of Maryland	Sept. 24, 1841	420
Richard Brandt, of New Jersey	Sept. 19, 1843	542
Levin Jones, of District of Columbia	Sept. 16, 1845	779
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Solomon H. Lewyt, of Maryland	Sept. 15, 1851	1686
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Abell, Townsend	Connecticut	1848, 1850
Adams, George W.	Georgia	1856-7-8-9, 1860
Adams, Samuel L.	Kentucky	1856, 1857
Adams, J. P.	Maine	1856
Adams, N.	Massachusetts	1861, 1862
Affron, John	Alabama	1847
Alcock, James	New York	1839
Allen, Gerard B.	Missouri	1844
Allen, William M.	Pennsylvania	1848, 1849
Allison, J. Y.	Alabama	1862
Alsop, Thomas	Illinois	1846
Anderson, John W.	Georgia	1847, 1848, 1849
Anderson, W. E.	North Carolina	1847
Andrews, Porter H.	Louisiana	1849, 1850
Andrews, George H.	New York	1850
Andrews, Henry B.	Texas	1859, 1860
Andrews, Henry G.	Illinois	1859, 1860
Anners, Henry F.	Pennsylvania	1851, 1852
Archer, C. C.	Missouri	1858, 1860, 1861, 1862
Armstrong, Perry A.	Illinois	1857, 1858
Armington, Henry	Rhode Island	1858, 1862
Askew, Henry F.	Delaware	1848, 1849, 1850, 1851 1852-3-4-5-6-7, 1858

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Names.	Jurisdiction Represented.	Sessions of Grand Lodge.
Atkinson, J. K.....	Rhode Island.....	1861
Atlee, Samuel Yorke.	District of Columbia...	1847
Austin, H. S.....	Illinois	.....1854, 1855
Bailey, S. H.....	Missouri	1853, 1854, 1857, 1859
Baily, Horatio L.....	Mississippi.....	1859
Bain, George M.....	Virginia.....	.....1840, 1843, 1847
Baker, William D....	Pennsylvania	1848
Baldwin, R. N.....	New York	1846
Baldwin, Lloyd E....	Connecticut.....	.....1851, 1852
Ballou, Eli.....	Vermont.....	.....1848, 1849
Banbury, Thomas M.	Iowa.....	1859
Banks, E. P.....	Maine	.....1854, 1855
Barber, L. K.....	Mississippi.....	..... 1857, 1858
Barnard, Daniel P....	New York.....	1850, 1851, 1852, 1853
Barnard, F. J.....	Alabama	.....1855, 1856
Barnes, John F.....	Louisiana	1837
Barnes, A. A.....	Tennessee	.....1856, 1858, 1859
Barnum, E. M.....	Oregon.....	..... 1859, 1861
Barrows, D. N.....	Mississippi.....	..... 1849, 1850
Barry, R. H.....	Tennessee.....	..... 1853, 1854
Barry, Edward H.....	Indiana.....	....1854-55-56-57, 1862
Barry, A. S.....	Illinois	.....1855, 1858, 1859
Barron, Q. H.....	Wisconsin	.....1859, 1860
Baxter, Witter J.....	Michigan	1852
Bayley, William.....	Maryland	... 1841-46-50-51-54-55
Bayly, William F.....	District of Columbia..	.....1850, 1851
Beardsley, Joseph....	District of Columbia..	1846
Bebee, Horace Y.....	Ohio.....	.....1850, 1851
Bell, William A.....	Massachusetts.....	.....1854, 1855
Benedict, George W.	Connecticut.....	1854
Bier, Henry.....	Louisiana	 1854
Billinghurst, Charles.	Wisconsin	.....1852, 1853, 1854
Bickey, W. J. A.....	Pennsylvania	 1831
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Bishop, Samuel.....	Connecticut	.....1844, 1853
Blake, Thomas N.....	Louisiana	..... 1857, 1858
Blake, Newell.....	Maine	1860
Boak, William L.....	Virginia	1848
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Boswell, Henry C.....	New Jersey	1837

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Boyd, John	Maryland	1825, 1831
Boydston, W. L	Nebraska	1860, 1862
Boylston, Robert B	South Carolina	1854-5-6-7-8-9, 1860
Bradbury, C. W	Vermont	1852, 1853
Bradley, C. W	Connecticut	1841
Bragg, Thomas F	Louisiana	1859, 1860
Buckingham, C. E	Massachusetts	1856, 1858
Brandt, Richard	New Jersey	1842
Brannan, John	Maryland	1832, 1833
Brannin, W. C	New Jersey	1839, 1840
Brewer, W. L	Connecticut	1847
Brewster, John A	California	1858
Brice, Charles	Maryland	1826-29-30-31, 1832
Bridgman, J	Ohio	1853, 1854
Britton, S. B	Connecticut	1845
Brough, John	Ohio	1848
Brown, John	Pennsylvania	1840
Brown, A. H	New York	1843
Brown, Joseph	Pennsylvania	1844, 1845
Brown, George	Indiana	1845, 1849, 1850
Browne, Stephen	New Hampshire	1847, 1848, 1849, 1850
Brown, W. H	Mississippi	1847, 1848
Brown, R. C	Massachusetts	1854
Brown, F. M	Connecticut	1854, 1855
Brown, Thomas	New Hampshire	1859, 1860
Brown, James A	District of Columbia	1861, 1862
Bruce, A. W	Northern New York	1835
Brunet, J. M. H	Virginia	1849, 1850
Brunston, B. W	Minnesota	1853, 1854
Bryson, N. G	Mississippi	1853, 1854
Bucher, Christian	Indiana	1842
Buckley, B	New Jersey	1861, 1862
Bugbee, J. G	Michigan	1861, 1862
Burnham, E. P	Maine	1858-59-60-61, 1862
Burbank, Moses M	New Hampshire	1856, 1857
Burr, Talcott	North Carolina	1848, 1849
Burton, Joseph	Maine	1852, 1853
Butt, John D	Georgia	1855, 1856
Byron, Joseph	Massachusetts	1855
Cady, C. G	Kentucky	1862
Caldwell, Richard A	North Carolina	1856-57-58-59, 1860
Campbell, John H	Pennsylvania	1829, 1830
Campbell, S. B	Canada	1847

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Carleton, John W.....	Ohio.....	.....1860, 1861, 1862
Carlisle, Nelson.....	Delaware	.....1852, 1853
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Carper, W. M.....	Texas.....	1855
Carr, James.....	Missouri	.....1855, 1856
Case, Albert.....	South Carolina.....	1842
Cassady, James M....	New Jersey.....	.....1851, 1852
Cassedy, George W...	New Jersey.....	1856-57-58-59-61, 1862
Chapin, Edward H...	Massachusetts.....	1844
Chapman, Jacob.....	Indiana	1847, 1848, 1850, 1853
Chapman, W. B.....	Ohio.....	.....1848, 1849
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Chester, John.....	Michigan	.....1850, 1851, 1852
Cheney, Charles C....	Wisconsin	.....1854, 1855
Chidsey, William.....	Ohio.....	.....1851, 1852, 1862
Choate, Daniel L.....	Maine	1859
Churchill, George W.	Maine	1844
Churchill, David.....	Ohio.....	1845
Clark, Horatio.....	Ohio.....	1844, 1849, 1850, 1855
Clark, Ezra.....	Connecticut	1847
Clarke, Daniel T.....	New Jersey.....	1847
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Clarke, Robert H.....	Delaware.....	.....1852, 1853, 1854
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Clark, Elisha.....	Maine	1862
Clayton, John G.....	Southern New York..	 1851-55-56-57-1858
Clemmer, Jacob H....	Ohio.....	.....1858, 1859
Clements, John T....	District of Columbia .	.....1859, 1860
Coats, Paxson.....	Ohio.....	.....1855, 1856
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Coffroth, C. A. B.....	Virginia	1855
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Cook, Alanson.....	New York.....	1841
Cook, William H.....	Virginia.....	1856
Cook, William H.....	Nebraska	1859
Cooke, M. J. Jr.....	Virginia.....	1846
Corneau, Stephen A..	Illinois	1850
Cornwell, William J..	Northern New York..	.....1857, 1858
Cowgill, Clayton A...	Delaware	1857
Craighead, Samuel....	Ohio.....	....1854-55-56-57, 1858
Crane, Benjamin F...	Missouri	1849
Crickard, John.....	Louisiana	1851, 1852,, 1853, 1857
Crosswell, Frederick..	Connecticut.....	.....1844, 1845
Crump, W. W.....	Virginia	1849
Crutcher, William....	Mississippi.....	1851, 1852, 1858, 1859
Cunningham, Paul L.	Connecticut.....	.....1854, 1855
Cunier, Amos B.....	New Hampshire.....	.....1849, 1859
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Danenhour, W. W....	Illinois	1858
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Davis, William F.....	Tennessee	1845
Davis, William T.....	Massachusetts.....	1847
Davis, William F.....	Kentucky.....	1847
Davis, Stillman S.....	New Hampshire.....	.....1857, 1858
Davis, William S.....	Arkansas	.....1860, 1861
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Day, Albert G.....	Ohio.....	.....1846, 1847
Day, G. W.....	Tennessee	.....1853, 1854
Dearborn, N. H.....	Illinois	.....1856, 1857
Deering, Nathaniel...	Maine	1845, 1848, 1854, 1855
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Demick, Prelate.....	Connecticut.....	1847
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Dennis, B. W.....	Michigan	.....1860, 1861, 1862
Denham, W.....	Florida.....	1853
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Dickson, George B...	Delaware.....	.....1848, 1849
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Dimon, Theodore.....	New York.....	1847
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Doe, Ira C.....	Maine	.....1861, 1862
Drew, Joseph L.....	Massachusetts.....	1845, 1846, 1852, 1853
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Dunlap, J. G.....	Louisiana	.....1853, 1854
Dufour, Oliver.....	Indiana	.....1852, 1853
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Earl, William C.....	Ohio.....	.....1857, 1859, 1860
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Eckel, Henry.....	Delaware	1854, 1855, 1856, 1857
Edwards, William K.	Indiana.....	.....1856, 1857, 1858
Egan, David E.....	New York.....	.....1845, 1846, 1850
Ellison, William.....	Massachusetts.....	1846-7-9-50-1-2-3, 1854
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Ellis, F. A.....	Maryland	1855-6-7-8-9-60-1, 1862
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Emmerson, Nathan...	Maine	1851
English, William M...	Virginia.....	1842
English, William.....	Pennsylvania.....	1853, 1854, 1855, 1856
Engold, John F.....	New York.....	1834
Evans, Thomas D.....	Iowa.....	.....1855, 1856
Escavaille, Joseph B.	Maryland.....	... 1858-59-60-61, 1862
Farish, Oscar.....	Texas.....	.....1851, 1860
Farnsworth, E. D.....	Tennessee	1855-56-57-58-59, 1860
Fennell, Maurice.....	Maryland.....	.....1823, 1824, 1825
Fenlon, William M...	Michigan	1856
Fitch, David G.....	New Jersey.....	1844
Fitch, E. M.....	Ohio.....	1850
Fitzhugh, Edward H.	Virginia.....	1851-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-60
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Follett, Benjamin.....	Michigan	1849
Fonda, John.....	Kentucky.....	1844

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Ford, James	Virginia	1845
Forman, J. G	New Hampshire	1848
Fosdick, William R.	Louisiana	1846
Foster, William H.	Louisiana	1856
Foster, F. M.	Michigan	1857, 1858
French, Walter	New Hampshire	1844
Fritz, Peter	Pennsylvania	1848, 1849, 1850
Frost, Theodore	New York	1840
Frost, Joseph B.	Massachusetts	1848, 1849, 1850
Froment, Andre	Southern New York	1852, 1853, 1854, 1855
Froment, Theodore	Southern New York	1860, 1861
Foute, Augustus M.	Mississippi	1852-53-54-55, 1856
Fuller, E. G.	Lower Provinces	1855-56-57-58-59, 1860
Fuller, John A.	Lower Provinces	1861, 1862
Gallagher, Horatio N.	Virginia.	1848
Garritt, Frederick S.	Arkansas	1849, 1850
Garrett, William	Iowa	1856-57-58-59, 1862
Garvin, J. P.	Georgia	1846
Garwood, George M.	California	1859
Gear, William M.	Delaware	1851
Gerrish, E. P.	Maine	1857
Gettys, James	District of Columbia	1830-31-32-33-36, 1837
Gilchrist, W.	New Jersey	1853
Gill, George	Delaware	1847
Gillespie, R.	Kentucky	1848, 1852
Gilley, Franklin W.	New York	1845, 1846
Gilman, James B.	Connecticut	1844
Gilmore, Dexter	Northern New York	1855-56-57-58-61, 1862
Glazier, Zenas B.	Delaware	1835, 1837
Glenn, Alexander E.	Ohio	1846, 1857, 1858
Glenn, Luther J.	Georgia	1852, 1853, 1854, 1855
Gobright, L. A.	District of Columbia	1854, 1855
Gordon, James M.	Michigan	1845
Gorman, S. B.	Connecticut	1857
Grannis, E. C.	Georgia	1854, 1855, 1860
Green, John	New York	1847
Green, Richard	Ohio	1848, 1849, 1850
Green, Clark H.	Missouri	1852
Green, Volney	Wisconsin	1858
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Grubb, Peter W.....	Virginia	1839
Gruman, Cholwell J..	Connecticut	.....1852, 1853
Guild, Albert.....	Massachusetts.....	.....1842, 1843
Gunnison, A. J.....	California.....	.....1861, 1862
Gyles, John A.....	South Carolina.....	1850-51-52-53-54, 1855
Hackleman, P. A.....	Indiana	1851, 1852, 1853, 1854
Haines, Allen.....	Maine	.....1847, 1849
Haines, Abraham.....	Pennsylvania	1848
Hale, James W.....	New York.....	..1848-9-50-1-2-3, 1854
Hall, A. D.....	Alabama.....	1856
Hall, William N.....	California.....	1860
Hall, Alexander N....	Delaware	.....1861, 1862
Hanna, B. J. F.....	Illinois.....	.....1861, 1862
Hansford, Charles R..	Alabama.....	....1851-52-55-56, 1857
Hardenburgh, T. H..	North Carolina.....	.....1852, 1853
Hardie, Thomas.....	Iowa.....	.....1851, 1852
Hardie, John.....	Alabama.....	.....1859, 1860
Harper, Martin B.....	Alabama.....	.....1857, 1859, 1860
Harmon, Charles C...	Maine	.....1852, 1853
Harris, Abraham.....	New Jersey.....	1843
Harris, Robert S.....	Delaware.....	1848
Harris, Samuel H.....	Connecticut	.....1860, 1861, 1862
Harvey, Jonathan T..	Indiana	1858, 1859, 1860, 1861
Hastings, John G.....	Mississippi.....	.....1848, 1849
Hayden, C. C.....	California.....	1862
Hayward, Nelson.....	Ohio.....	.....1852, 1853
Heaton, Warner.....	California.....	1857
Hefley, Isaac.....	Ohio.....	1837
Heisey, Martin.....	Iowa.....	.....1856, 1857
Hemingray, J. C.....	Kansas.....	1859
Herndon, Milton.....	Indiana	1855-56-57-58-59, 1860
Herr, Henry C.....	Illinois	.....1861, 1862
Hersey, Daniel.....	Massachusetts.....	1843
Hewitt, Andrew C....	Pennsylvania	.....1839, 1840, 1842
Hicks, Isaac S.....	Illinois	1854
Hicks, William.....	Rhode Island.....	.....1852, 1853
Hickox, J. H.....	California.....	1861
Hilliard, William.....	Massachusetts.....	.....1844, 1845
Hills, Philip R.....	Massachusetts.....	.....1851, 1856
Hills, L. B.....	Wisconsin	1858, 1859, 1860, 1861
Hillyer, E. T.....	New Jersey.....	1843

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Hinkle, John B.....	Kentucky.....	.....1844, 1845
Hinman, Robinson S.	Connecticut.....	.....1842, 1843
Hinsdale, Henry B...	Wisconsin	.....1850, 1851, 1852
Hoag, Charles.....	Minnesota	.....1861, 1862
Hodgson, John W....	District of Columbia..	1853-54-55-56-57, 1858
Hoit, Daniel J.....	New Hampshire.....	1846
Hoke, William J.....	North Carolina.....	1857, 1858, 1859, 1860
Holbrooke, Amory....	Oregon.....	1856
Holden, Enoch P.....	Maryland	.....1844, 1845
Hollis, Thomas C.....	Connecticut.....	1862
Holmes, Marshall C...	New Jersey.....	.....1844, 1845
Holmes, Henry.....	Missouri	.....1847, 1848, 1850
Hopkins, Howell.....	Pennsylvania.....	1832-3-4-5-7-9-40, 1841
Hopkins, William H..	Pennsylvania	1862
Hopkins, W.....	Northern New York..	.....1853, 1854
Horner, John S.....	Arkansas	.....1856, 1857
Hough, Edward S.....	District of Columbia..	.....1846, 1847
Howe, R. D.....	Mississippi.....	1858
How, John.....	Missouri	1855
Hubelie, Jacob.....	Pennsylvania	1842
Hufty, George W.....	New Jersey.....	1844
Hughes, Thomas.....	Iowa.....	.....1860, 1861
Hull, Jacob, Jr.....	Virginia	.....1841, 1842, 1844
Humphrey, D.....	Ohio.....	1853
Hunt, John W.....	Maryland.....	.....1849, 1850
Hunt, E. P.....	Texas	.1852-4-5-6-7-8-9, 1860
Hunt, R. Finley.....	District of Columbia..	.....1852, 1853
Hunt, Charles W.....	Michigan	1860
Hunter, Edmond P...	Virginia.....	.....1852, 1853, 1854
Hurlburt, S. A.....	South Carolina.....	1843
Hyde, J. E.....	Michigan	.....1853, 1854
Hyland, William B...	Delaware	1862
Hyneman, Moses.....	California.....	1856
Iglehart, N. P.....	Illinois	.....1860, 1861
Illsey, Edward.....	Wisconsin	1857
Ingraham, T.....	Massachusetts.....	1853
Iradel, A. S.....	California.....	1860
Jackson, Charles C...	Connecticut	.....1858, 1859
Jennings, William....	Alabama.....	.....1851, 1852
Johnston, G. W.....	Kentucky.....	1847
Johnson, T. Rogers..	California.....	1858
Johnson, R. M.....	Arkansas	.....1854, 1855
Jones, S. S.....	Illinois	1847

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Jones, William H.	Massachusetts	1852
Jones, Levin	District of Columbia	1853, 1854
Jones, Anson	Texas	1853, 1854
Jones, E. W	North Carolina	1854
Jones, George H	Oregon	1857
Jones, John W	Iowa	1861, 1862
Jordan, James	New York	1842
Judson, P. M	Connecticut	1846
Kaler, Otis	Maine	1857
Kellogg, Asher S	Michigan	1846-47-51-52-53, 1854
Kellogg, James B	Wisconsin	1852-53-55-57, 1858
Kellogg, L. H	Wisconsin	1853
Kelley, Harrison J	Virginia	1847
Kempton, Edward S	Georgia	1851, 1852, 1853
Kendall, David	California	1859
Kennedy, John A	New York	1838-41-50-51-52, 1853 1855-56-57-58-59, 1860
Kerlin, William B	Ohio	1847
Keyser, George	Maryland	1832, 1833, 1834, 1835
Kizer, Timothy	Tennessee	1843
Kidder, Joseph	New Hampshire	1857-58-59-60, 1862
Kingsbury, Benj. Jr.	Maine	1850, 1851
Kneass, Horn R	Pennsylvania	1843, 1844, 1845, 1846
Kneas, N. B	Louisiana	1848
Knight, William W	Rhode Island	1848, 1849
Krogman, Samuel B	Massachusetts	1856-57-60-61, 1862
Lamb, Joseph L	New Jersey	1860, 1861, 1862
Lambert, Henry	Pennsylvania	1854, 1855
Lamberton, W. H	Pennsylvania	1854, 1855, 1860
Lamberton, Robert A.	Pennsylvania	1861, 1862
Lane, Minot T	Michigan	1858, 1859
Langworthy, A. G	Wisconsin	1851, 1854
Langdon, D. C	Southern New York	1856, 1857, 1858, 1859
Larue, John C	Louisiana	1850
Latham, Hugh	Virginia	1857
Lawrence, J. H	Mississippi	1857
Layton, Caleb R	Delaware	1855, 1856
Leech, E. J	Iowa	1862
Leidy, N. B	Pennsylvania	1841, 1842
Lent, Abram	Southern New York	1859, 1860
Lewis, John L. Jr.	Northern New York	1854, 1855
Libby, John	Missouri	1850, 1852
Lilly, Samuel	New Jersey	1847

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Lints, J. J	Pennsylvania	1858, 1859
Lloyd, Thomas	Georgia	1845
Lockett, Henry C	Texas	1856, 1857, 1858
Lockwood, Samuel	Connecticut	1849
Logan, C. A	Kansas	1862
Long, P. B	Pennsylvania	1853, 1854
Lott, L. P	Wisconsin	1848
Lucas, Samuel	Maryland	1830-33-34-35-36, 1837 1838-40-41-42, 1843
Lucas, A. J	California	1854
Lyford, John C	New Hampshire	1852, 1853
Lyman, E. B	Alabama	1853
Lynes, Samuel	Connecticut	1852
McCabe, James D	Virginia	1844, 1845
McCauley, William L.	Maryland	1847
McAuley, James G	Alabama	1857
McCarty, Thomas B.	Indiana	1861, 1862
McCord, William D	Iowa	1852, 1853
MacRae, Alexander	North Carolina	1844, 1845, 1846, 1847
MacRae, Duncan	North Carolina	1847
McCully, John	New Jersey	1838
McDonald, David	Wisconsin	1849, 1850
McDonnell, Robert	Delaware	1842, 1843
McDonough, E. F	Missouri	1847
McEwen, Thomas C.	Ohio	1850
McGowan, Charles	New York	1840, 1842, 1845
McIntyre, Edward	Delaware	1845, 1846
McKee, William	North Carolina	1848
McKilden, John C	District of Columbia	1841
McKinley, James	Michigan	1859
McKinnell, Henry	Louisiana	1847
McKinstry, A	Alabama	1858, 1859, 1860, 1861
McLain, Thomas J	Ohio	1851, 1856, 1857
McLean, William R	District of Columbia	1859, 1860, 1861, 1862
McNairy, Walter S	Tennessee	1846
Magee, P. Jr	Pennsylvania	1860, 1861
Magruder, William B	District of Columbia	1845, 1850, 1851, 1852
Manchester, Horace	Rhode Island	1850, 1851, 1852
Manly, John H	North Carolina	1849
Marble, William	Massachusetts	1859, 1860
Marley, Richard	Maryland	1826-7-8-9-30-1-2, 1839 1840-41-2-3-5-6-8, 1849 1851-52-3-4-5-6-7, 1858 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862

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Martin, William F....	Mississippi.....	.....1850, 1851
Marshall, Alexander..	Kentucky.....	....1843-46-47-48, 1849
Marsh, Augustus C...	Illinois	.....1858, 1859
Massey, Joshua A....	Alabama	1854
Mason, William B....	Kentucky.....	.....1858, 1859, 1860
Matthews, William....	Kentucky.....	1852
Matthews, Amos.....	Iowa.....	.....1854, 1855
Mathiot, Augustus....	Maryland	.....1836, 1840
May, Samuel E.....	Oregon.....	1858
Meachem, A. D.....	California	1861
Meredith, Solomon....	Indiana.....	.....1850, 1851
Meriam, B. S.....	Iowa.....	.....1860, 1861
Merrick, Wright.....	Kentucky.....	1848
Mickle, Isaac W.....	New Jersey.....	.....1854, 1858
Miller, Henry L.....	Connecticut.....	1846
Miller, Christian	Indiana.....	.....1859, 1860
Mills, John.....	District of Columbia...	1857
Mills, J. M	Kentucky.....	.....1859, 1860
Milton, John L.....	Mississippi.....	.....1860, 1861
Minor, William T.....	Connecticut.....	1848
Mitchell, James.....	Vermont	1851
Mitchell, Edward.....	South Carolina.....	....1856-57-58-59, 1860
Moffett, William A....	Missouri	.....1848, 1849
Moody, Paul.....	Pennsylvania	1844
Moore, William W...	District of Columbia..	..1840-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-49
Moore, James M.....	Kentucky.....	1853
Moore, Charles.....	Pennsylvania	.....1856, 1857
Moore, James W.....	Texas.....	1856
Monell, George J. N.	California	1855
Montgomerie, H. E...	Canada.....	1849
Montgomery, G. W..	New Hampshire.....	1845
Moreton, Elijah.....	Tennessee	1848, 1849, 1851, 1852
Morgan, Tracey C.....	Northern New York..	.....1856, 1857
Morris, S.....	New Jersey.....	.....1845, 1846
Morris, George S.....	Pennsylvania	.....1846, 1847
Morris, George W....	Kentucky.....	1861
Moss, Daniel.....	Indiana.....	1854
Mott, Robert.....	Louisiana	.....1848, 1849
Mountfort, N. B.....	Southern New York..	.....1853, 1854
Mowett, Charles.....	New York.....	.....1834, 1835
Mulford, Francis D...	New Jersey.....	.....1852, 1853, 1854
Mullin, John R.....	Massachusetts.....	.....1852, 1853
Munday, Willam S...	Tennessee.....	.....1851, 1852, 1855

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Narine, James.....	New Jersey	.....1850, 1851
Neally, E. S. J.....	Maine	.....1846, 1847
Neilson, Robert.....	Maryland	1832-33-41-42-43, 1844
Newby, Johnston P...	North Carolina.....	1852
Nicholson, James B...	Pennsylvania.....	1859, 1860, 1861, 1862
Ninde, James C.....	Maryland	.....1854, 1855
Nixon, J. O.....	Louisiana	.....1851, 1859, 1860
Noble, Orson J.....	Minnesota	.....1859, 1860
Norman, J. P.....	Arkansas	1852
Nutter, Charles.....	Maine	.....1858, 1859, 1860
Nye, N. B.....	Michigan	(Did not attend.)...1857
Olds, Edson B.....	Ohio	1849
Osborn, Thomas C....	California	1862
Packer, William F....	Pennsylvania	(Did not attend.)...1856
Page, John L.....	New Jersey.....	1846
Page, Herman L.....	Wisconsin	.....1848, 1850, 1861
Palmer, J. G.....	Connecticut	1843
Papy, Marion D.....	Florida.....	1851
Parker, William M...	Illinois	(Did not attend.)...1848
Parker, Samuel H....	New Hampshire.....	....1846-47-48-49, 1850
Parker, Samuel H....	California.....	.....1856, 1857
Parmenter, W. E	Massachusetts.....	....1845-46-48-49, 1850
Parsons, Elisha.....	Georgia.....	1844
Partridge, Thomas....	Canada West.....	.....1859, 1860
Patten George.....	Georgia.....	.....1848, 1857, 1859
Patterson, Henry S...	Pennsylvania.....	1846
Paul, D. G. M.....	Pennsylvania.....	1830
Peacock, James.....	Tennessee	1849
Pearce, John.....	Pennsylvania	1827, 1833, 1834, 1835
Peers, Valentine C...	Missouri	.....1857, 1858
Pereles, Nathan.....	Wisconsin	1862
Perkins, Luther.....	Missouri	1851
Perry, Samuel.....	Alabama	.....1850, 1851
Phelps, James.....	Connecticut.....	.....1856, 1857, 1858
Philbrick, David.....	New Hampshire.....	1845
Phillips, William W..	Virginia.....	1849
Phillips, John H.....	New Jersey.....	.....1859, 1860
Pinckney, Charles C..	Southern New York..	.....1861, 1862
Pindell, H. C.....	Kentucky.....	.....1850, 1851
Pond, Philip.....	Connecticut.....	.....1860, 1861
Pope, John.....	Iowa.....	.....1857, 1858
Porter, William D....	Tennessee	1845
Porter, Nathan.....	Rhode Island.....	1857

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Porter, Thomas C.....	Massachusetts.....	.....1861, 1862
Potter, William Jr...	Rhode Island.....	1855
Potts, John G.....	Illinois	1849-50-51-52-53, 1860
Pratt, William H.....	Northern New York..	1856, 1857, 1859, 1860
Prime, Mark.....	Maine	.....1856, 1857
Race, George W.....	Louisiana	.....1852, 1853, 1854
Ramsdale, Norton R..	Michigan	.....1847, 1848
Rand, Caleb.....	Massachusetts.....	.....1857, 1858, 1859
Randall, Stephen.....	Rhode Island.....	1862
Read, Samuel.....	New Jersey.....	.....1848, 1849, 1850
Reid, Robert W.....	Virginia.....	1846
Remmington, W. H..	Missouri	1851, 1852, 1855, 1856
Repiton, A. Paul.....	North Carolina.....	1855
Reynolds, Francis H.	Delaware	.....1844, 1845
Reynolds, Thomas....	Canada West.....	1855
Rice, William H.....	Louisiana	1850
Rich Thomas.....	District of Columbia..	1855, 1856, 1857, 1858
Richardson, Joseph...	Delaware	1858, 1859, 1860, 1861
Richardson, S.....	Tennessee	.....1860, 1861
Ridgely, James L.....	Maryland.....	1831, 1832, 1833, 1834 1835, 1836, 1837, 1838 1840-1-2-8, 1852, 1853
Roach, John.....	Maryland	.....1824, 1827, 1829
Roberts, Horatio E...	Illinois	1848
Roberts, George B....	Indiana	.....1860, 1861
Robbins, Robert L....	Massachusetts.....	.....1844, 1845
Robinson, Simon.....	Delaware.....	1833
Robinson, Edmund C.	Virginia	1845, 1846, 1848, 1850 1852, 1853, 1854, 1855 1856-57-58-59, 1860
Robinson, Israel.....	Virginia	....1850-52-58-59, 1860
Robinson, Jacob H...	Virginia.....	1855-56-57-58-59, 1860
Robinson, Prescott....	California	1857
Roche, George J.....	Maryland	1847
Rodney, John D.....	Delaware	.....1858, 1859, 1860
Rogers, Edgar.....	Kansas.....	.....1860, 1861
Rohrer, Daniel.....	Minnesota	1855
Ropes, Archer.....	Maryland.....	1846
Rosborough, A. M....	Tennessee	1848
Rounsville, William..	Illinois	.....1852, 1855
Rowell, Hiram P.....	Northern New York..	1850
Rowell, John H.....	New Hampshire.....	.....1861, 1862
Russell, Rowland.....	Northern New York..	.....1851, 1852

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Russell, William P...	Vermont.....	.....1854, 1855
Ruple, James B.....	Pennsylvania	1852
Rucker, R. H. R.....	Illinois	.....1853, 1854
Rutter, William E....	Rhode Island.....	1844
Salomon, Ezekiel.....	Alabama	1843
Salomon, David.....	Alabama	1846
Sanders, James P.....	Northern New York..	1852, 1853, 1861, 1862
Sanders, John T.....	Indiana	1862
Sanderson, Henry S..	Maryland	1832-3-4-5-7-8-40, 1843
Sanford, William E...	Connecticut	.....1849, 1850
Sanford, George S....	Connecticut	1851
Sawyer, Franklin.....	Ohio.....	.....1861, 1862
Scheifer, Jacob F.....	Missouri	.....1859, 1860
Schley, John.....	Wisconsin	1857
Scotchburn, Thomas..	Maryland	...1823-24-25-27, 1828
Scott, Hiram K.....	Connecticut	.....1859, 1860
Scott, M. B.....	Connecticut	1862
Seafross, Amos H.....	New Jersey.....	1846
Segar, Joseph.....	Virginia	1843
Senter, Timothy G....	New Hampshire.....	..1847-51-2-3-4-5, 1856
Sessford, John.....	District of Columbia..	1847, 1848, 1849, 1850
Seymour, Robert W..	South Carolina.....	..1843-4-5-6-51-2, 1853
Shackleford, Thomas..	Mississippi.....	.....1856, 1857
Shaffner, T. P.....	Kentucky.....	.....1843, 1845
Shaw, Robert O.....	Alabama	1849, 1850, 1851, 1853
Shaw, G. W.....	Louisiana	.....1851, 1852
Shelley, N. G.....	Alabama.....	.....1852, 1853
Shelton, James R.....	Tennessee	1844
Sherlock, Thomas.....	Ohio.....	1843
Shields, Thomas H....	Louisiana.....	1858
Shinkle, Amos.....	Kentucky.....	1858, 1859, 1860, 1861
Silsby, John.....	Alabama	.....1848, 1849, 1850
Simes, Stephen H.....	New Hampshire.....	.....1851, 1852
Simons, William.....	Rhode Island.....	1847
Simpson, J. A.....	Pennsylvania.....	.....1851, 1852
Sims, Joseph.....	Missouri	.....1861, 1862
Skinner, William.....	New Jersey	1833
Skinner, Smith.....	Pennsylvania	.....1843, 1845, 1850
Slade, Bartholomew...	Virginia.	1844
Slater, S. S.....	Oregon.....	1860
Sligo, George.....	Pennsylvania	.....1852, 1853
Small, Thomas.....	Pennsylvania	.....1826, 1828
Small, Wilson L.....	Southern New York..	....1839-40-42-51, 1852

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Smart, J. B.	New Hampshire	1860, 1861
Smiley, Thomas T.	Tennessee	1852, 1853, 1854
Smith, William T.	Virginia	1837
Smith, William R.	Maine	1844-5-6-8-9-52, 1853
Smith, Granville P.	Tennessee	1847, 1848, 1850, 1851
Smith, John F.	Delaware	1849, 1850
Smith, W. B.	Kentucky	1850, 1851
Smith, W. L. G.	Northern New York	1850
Smith, A. M.	Northern New York	1853, 1854
Smith, P. C.	Alabama	1854, 1855
Smith, W. H.	Michigan	1855, 1859, 1860
Smith, Timri	Rhode Island	1859, 1860
Snelbaker, D. T.	Ohio	1845
Spooner, Thomas	Ohio	1847, 1848, 1849
Sprague, Jonathan	Michigan	1861, 1862
Stacy, C. A.	Michigan	1853, 1855
Stanford, Thomas H.	Missouri	1840
Starr, James E.	Illinois	1856, 1857, 1860
Steere, Thomas	Rhode Island	1859, 1860, 1861
Steele, Thomas	District of Columbia	1834
Steele, E. G.	Tennessee	1850
Steele, Walter L.	North Carolina	1852, 1853, 1854, 1855
Steele, H.	New Hampshire	1853, 1854
Stetson, H. G.	Louisiana	1855-56-57-58-59, 1860
Stewart, W. T.	Missouri	1842, 1843
Stewart, Joseph D.	New York	1846, 1848
Stewart, James	Delaware	1850, 1851
Stewart, James H.	Indiana	1858, 1859
Stockbridge, Jason	Maryland	1856, 1857
Stokes, John W.	Pennsylvania	1842-3-6-7-9-50-61-62
Stone, Edward C.	New Hampshire	1862
Storer, E. G.	Connecticut	1858, 1859
Straw, S. B.	Maine	1855, 1856, 1858
Strawbridge, James	Louisiana	1849
Strong, W. A.	Mississippi	1855, 1856, 1859, 1860
Stuart, Frederick D.	District of Columbia	1850-1-2-6-7-8-9-60-1-2
Tapley, W. R.	New Hampshire	1858, 1859
Taylor, Mark P.	Ohio	1840
Taylor, B. B.	Indiana	1846
Taylor, J. H.	South Carolina	1847, 1848
Taylor, Levi	Maryland	1847
Taylor, C. G. Y.	Illinois	1848
Taylor, Joseph R.	New York	1849

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Taylor, Joseph N.....	New Jersey.....	1851, 1852, 1853, 1854
Taylor, W. P.....	Pennsylvania	1857, 1858, 1859, 1860
Terry, John C.....	Minnesota	.....1857, 1858
Terwilliger, James....	Northern New York..	1862
Tewksbury, G. D.....	Maryland	1848, 1849, 1850, 1851
Thayer, William.....	South Carolina.....	1855-56-57-58-59, 1860
Theobald, F. P.....	Maine	.....1847, 1848, 1849
Thomas, Charles.....	Ohio.....	.....1842, 1846
Thomas, L. A. C.....	Connecticut.....	.....1848, 1849, 1861
Thompson, John A...	Maryland	.....1844, 1845
Thompson, Newall A.	Massachusetts.....	1846, 1850, 1854, 1855
Thorington, James....	Iowa.....	.....1848, 1850
Tindall, Gideon F.....	Delaware.....	1839
Tower, L. F.....	Louisiana	1856
Towers, William.....	Virginia	1838
Towers, John T.....	District of Columbia..	.....1848, 1849
Treadway, Alfred.....	Michigan	.....1848, 1849
Treadwell, John G....	New York.....	.....1843, 1844
Trippe, D. C.....	Wisconsin	.....1850, 1851
True, Benjamin C	New York and Ohio..	1844, 1845, 1859, 1860
Tucker, Isaac M.....	New Jersey.....	1855, 1856, 1857, 1858
Tucker, E. H.....	Massachusetts.....	.....1857, 1858
Tuffts, C. A.....	New Hampshire.....	.....1854, 1855
Tuthill, W. H.....	Iowa.....	.....1853, 1854
Tuxbury, Albert.....	Vermont.....	1852
Tyler, W. A.....	New York.....	1842
Uffort, John.....	Iowa.....	1855
Underwood, Thomas..	Indiana.....	1861
Valleau, Charles M...	Missouri	1850
Vancleft, George K..	California.....	1855
Vansant, Joshua.....	Maryland.....	1851, 1852, 1856, 1857
VanSickell, Sylvester.	New Jersey.....	.....1841, 1843
Veitch, Isaac M.....	Missouri	1846-53-4-6-7-8-9-60-2
Vennigerholz, C. T...	Mississippi.....	.....1850, 1851, 1852
Verner, Benjamin.....	Michigan	1857
Wadsworth, F.....	Mississippi.....	1846
Wakely, C.....	Wisconsin	.....1849, 1850
Wakefield, John H...	New Jersey.....	.....1847, 1848, 1849
Walbridge, David S...	Michigan	1850
Walker, H. K.....	Tennessee.....	.....1859, 1860
Wallace, W. W.....	Northern New York..	1850
Wallace, John.....	Connecticut.....	.....1856, 1857
Ward, Theodore.....	Northern New York..	.....1850, 1851

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Ware, A. P.....	Rhode Island.....	1847
Warner, Andrew E...	Maryland	.....1835, 1839, 1841
Washington, John N.	North Carolina.....	1851
Washburn, Daniel....	Pennsylvania.....	1857
Watson, David P.....	Kentucky.....	1846
Webb, William G.....	Virginia.....	1843
Webb, William G.....	Texas.....	.....1857, 1859
Weeks, George W....	New Hampshire.....	1861
Webster, Henry L....	Rhode Island.....	.....1849, 1850
Webster, R. H. L.....	Rhode Island.....	.....1855, 1856
Welch, John.....	Maryland	.....1824, 1825
Weld, Edward.....	New Jersey.....	1846
Wells, Charles.....	New Hampshire.....	1846
Wells, E. M. P.....	Massachusetts.....	.....1847, 1848
Wells, William A.....	Pennsylvania	1849
Wells, Samuel.....	Massachusetts.....	1851
Weltz, David W.....	California.....	1860
Whalin, Edward.....	Northern New York..	.....1854, 1855
Wheeler, J. M.....	Rhode Island.....	1850, 1851, 1854, 1855
Wheeler, John H.....	Ohio.....	.....1861, 1862
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Exist by virtue of warrants or dispensation from Grand Lodge of United States, and have jurisdiction over all Subordinates within assigned limits, 7, 13, 14, 16, 2371, 2372.
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Composed of all Past Grands in good standing in jurisdiction who cannot be denied admission, or deprived of their right to vote for Grand Officers, or to receive Past Official degrees, 20, 1084, 1119, 1289, 1321, 1785.

May restrict their legislative powers to representative basis for transaction of business, 1084, 1119, 1289, 1321, 1785, 1919, 1933, 1962.

Cannot refuse Past Grands in good standing admission, though Lodges have failed to report for their term, as Noble Grand, 1656.

May provide by law that Past Grands may vote for Grand Officers without attending Grand Lodge, 1736; 1754.

Cannot determine whether Past Grands shall vote for Grand Officers individually or by Lodges, 1785.

Though formerly forbidden, may now determine by law where their sessions shall be held, and may change location, 312, 313, 419, 659, 867, 868, 947, 1032, 1194, 1198, 1233, 1245, 1759, 1763, 1766, 1803, 1839, 1883, 1897, 1899, 1952, 1953.

Must confer Grand Lodge degree without pecuniary consideration, and past official degrees on all Past Grands entitled thereto, 20, 581, 795, 2384.

Must, when required by Grand Lodge of United States, expunge any part of Constitution and By-Laws in conflict with the fundamental laws of the Order, 1063, 1090.

Though formerly forbidden, may now change Constitutions so as to abridge terms of officers, incumbent, 846, 950, 1445, 1484.

Must make returns, in prescribed forms, to Grand Lodge of United States one month before its annual session, with dues, to that Grand Body, 15, 2381.

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Each entitled to one Representative in Grand Lodge of United States. If more than one thousand members in jurisdiction, entitled to two Representatives, 10, 11, 15, 17, 85, 1612, 1641, 1672, 2375, 2377, 2383.

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Not entitled to representation nor liable to tax until warrants are confirmed, 600, 680, 776, 808.

Cannot by law disqualify officers or members for absence in attending session of Grand Lodge United States, 820.

Are responsible for irregularity of work under their jurisdiction; must enforce strict observance of work upon Subordinates, and restrain all irregularities therein, 18, 1094, 2383.

Cannot print books, odes, cards or diplomas, 11, 588, 914, 956, 1772.

Must, by law, restrict processions, public displays of regalia, &c., and regulate lectures, 392, 661, 804.

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Are entitled to receive copies of Journal of Grand Lodge United States for their own use and for distribution, according to number of Subordinates, 18, 340, 505, 566, 820, 918, 965, 2383.

Each, the legislative head of Order in jurisdiction, 496, 578.

May grant or refuse charters, open Lodges, pass general laws, prescribe forms of returns, and provide for making them, and impose dues or taxes for their support, 1743, 1784, 1786, 1798, 1809.

May, by Constitution, provide for votes on legislation by Representatives or Past Grands, 1125, 1126.

Have power to hear appeals, grant new trials, and adjust difficulties between Lodges; may grant or withhold consent for appeal to Grand Lodge United States, except in case of expelled Lodge surrendering its effects, 7, 8, 278, 655, 817, 2371.

May reverse their own decisions in cases of appeal, 1405, 1476, 1511.

May expel from their own bodies—not from the Order—but may require Subordinate to try a member, 1062, 1089.

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May make uniform Constitutions for Subordinates, and enact laws for their government, having due regard to their local wants, 1235, 1317, 1724, 1784, 1786, 1797, 1807.

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May fix rates for depositing cards and periods, making depositors beneficial, 1403, 1450, 1480.

May decide whether consent of Lodge is necessary to withdrawal of application before report of committee, 1743, 1798.

Must furnish their officers with jewels pertaining to their rank and station, and require members in session to be clothed in regalia, 1290.

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Cannot transfer their legislative functions to committees, 1936, 1962.

Cannot make Royal Purple degree necessary qualification for Grand Master, 2480, 2503.

Cannot admit to membership a member of another Grand Lodge, 2381.

May set aside the certificate of Past Grand, if found incorrect, and vacate seat, 2461, 2482, 2504.

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May permit Subordinates to meet once in two weeks if deemed beneficial, 2104, 2167, 2179, 2640, 2667.

When duly established in State or Territory, all existing Subordinates pass under jurisdiction of, 2381, 2382.

May hold sessions in other places than those designated in charter and By-Laws, 1899, 1953.

May determine whether usual regalia shall be worn with or without mourning badge in jurisdiction, 2462, 2483, 2504.

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Have no power to change the name of a member who has been initiated under a fictitious or assumed name, 2891, 2924, 2963.

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May authorize public installation of officers of Subordinates, to be performed by elective Grand Officer, and in prescribed form, 2971.

May provide by law that all applications for cards shall be in person or in writing, 3030, 3083, 3113.

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Required to prepare Grand Lodge room for meeting of Grand Lodge; to perform certain duties in session; to take charge of office and assist Grand Corresponding Secretary, 610, 2375.

Receives for service such compensation as Grand Lodge from time to time determines, 599, 674, 797, 946, 1093, 1285, 1648, 1780, 1808.

Specially directed to furnish daily proceedings to members, and pay postage on documents printed by Grand Lodge, delivered for mailing, 1717, 1808, 1833, 1996, 2217, 2581, 2582, 2902, 3050, 3051, 3177.

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One, allowed to each Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment; two, where more than one thousand members in good standing, 10, 130, 341, 565, 1622, 2375.

One, only, present from Grand Body entitled to two, may vote for absent colleague, 341, 565, 1622, 1889, 1890.

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Can represent but one Grand Body at same time, 10, 174, 285, 311, 2375.

Not more than two, allowed any Grand Body, 2375.

Must be elected or appointed by the body they represent for two years, commencing at session of Grand Lodge United States next succeeding, 10, 900, 1071, 1517, 1750, 2375.

Vacancies in office of, occurring during recess, filled as law of Grand Body may prescribe. Election or appointment must be regularly authenticated, 10, 866, 904, 1401, 1470, 1484, 1552, 1747, 1750, 2375.

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May be impeached and tried by Grand Lodge, and expelled by two-thirds' vote, if charges furnished him three days before trial, 2376.
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Of Past Grand Rep. B. F. Crane, of Missouri, 3461. *Ibid.*
Of Past Grand Rep. Hiram K. Walker, of Tennessee, 3482. *Ibid.*
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Committee appointed to amend words and music of, 51.
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Appointed R. W. Grand Marshal, R. W. Grand Chaplain, R. W. Grand Guardian, and R. Worthy Grand Messenger, 8, 2372.
Election for, on second day of session; nominated and elected separately, beginning with Grand Sire; no new nomination for, pending election; no motion or debate pending a ballot; no one elected not regularly nominated; every ballot counted, and majority of all necessary to choice, 8, 12, 22, 23, 126, 349, 350, 725, 871, 2372, 2376, 2377, 2388.
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Appointed, nominated by Grand Sire, subject to approval of Grand Lodge; hold office during his term, subject to removal for cause, 8, 2372.
†Installed and enter upon duties first day of stated meeting next after election, (formerly second day,) 8, 22, 521, 1199, 1443, 1519, 2372.

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* No longer required to be Past Grand Masters.

† Now on last lay of the session at which they are elected. See enactment of 1857, 2800

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Elect, failing to appear for installation, office declared vacant and new election ordered, 8, 191, 196, 325, 339, 778, 2372, 2373.

In case of death, resignation, disqualification of Grand Sire, or refusal to act, duties devolve on Deputy until next stated meeting, when vacancy filled by election, 11, 2373, 2374.

In case of death, resignation, disqualification, or refusal of any other, elective or appointed, vacancy filled by Grand Sire's appointment until next stated meeting. *Ibid.*

In absence of Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Lodge shall elect Grand Sire *pro tempore*, 9, 334.

Required to attend and perform duties enjoined by law, 9, 2373.

Subordinate to Grand Sire, must obey his directions. *Ibid.*

Not Representatives, forbidden to vote, except Grand Sire in case of tie vote; cannot speak, except upon leave granted, 10, 405, 2373.

Traveling expenses of, not paid prior to 1834, and after, till 1849, at no fixed rate, 94, 155.

In 1849 and 1850, and since, per diem and mileage allowed Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire, Grand Marshal and Grand Guardian, 1295, 1454, 1490, 1613, 1639, 2377, 2491, 2502.

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Past Grand Sires members while in good standing, but not officers, 10, 197.

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Regalia provided for, 47, 1788.

May be impeached and tried; if found guilty, expelled by two-third vote, charges having been furnished three days before trial, 2376.

On trial, cannot execute duties of office, but may be heard in defence, 2376.

Suspension or expulsion from Lodge or Encampment suspends or expells from office, 2376.

In case of death, resignation or disqualification of both Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire, duties of Grand Sire devolve upon Junior Past Grand Sire until next regular session, 2373, 2374.

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Seats of, vacated by taking withdrawal card from Lodge, 2560, 2628, 2664.

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Seats of, not to be vacated by taking withdrawal cards, if immediately deposited with application for new Lodge, or in some other Lodge, within one month; no official act in meantime valid, 2665, 2798, 2799.

OFFICERS—GRAND SIRE.

His general duties prescribed; to preside at sessions, and enforce laws; superintend interests of Order during recess; make report annually; to open or cause to be opened Subordinate bodies; to forward A. T. P. W. through Representatives, or otherwise, to Grand Jurisdictions; to nominate appointed officers and appoint committees; to give casting vote in case of tie; to sign orders on Treasurer; to decide questions of order; to give advice and instruction when called on to Grand and Subordinates Bodies, (see Constitution and By-Laws,) 9, 13, 16, 19, 24, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2379, 2380, 2389.

His general powers and prerogatives: To call special meetings; to appoint District Deputy Grand Sires; to remove appointed officers for cause; to fill vacancies; to issue dispensations for Grand and Subordinate Bodies; to issue dispensation to elevate Scarlet members to Encampment degrees; to visit Grand and Subordinate Bodies, and instruct them, 11, 15, 226, 319, 321, 423, 498, 665, 681, 874, 2373, 2376.

To reclaim charters of Subordinates failing to make return for four quarters, 20, 351, 680, 692, 2385.

Cannot vote except on a tie, nor hold any elective office in Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions, 9, 2373.

All traveling expenses incurred by, at opening of Grand or Subordinate Bodies, paid by such bodies, 15, 2380.

Authorized to have two hundred copies of his annual report printed, 506.

Powers of, declared to be defined in Constitution, 108, 112.

Specially authorized to employ brethren to examine translation of the work, if found incorrect, 504.

Authorized to fill vacancies in Committee for Revising Lectures, &c., 695.

Proposition to extend time of, to four years, rejected, 853, 899.

Certain decisions of, confirmed, 1494, 1513.

Representatives instructed to vote for amendments to Constitution defining powers of, 1398, 1406, 1497.

Authorized to hear and determine appeals submitted to him; to hear and decide upon other questions (not Constitutional) submitted to him, subject to revision by Grand Lodge, 2373.

To grant warrants for opening new Lodges, &c., to be in force till recalled, 2373.

To open or cause to be opened Grand or Subordinate Bodies duly authorized, and to visit in person or by Deputy, 2379, 2380.

OFFICERS—GRAND SIRE—continued.

To obtain and place in hands of Committee on Credentials an exhibit of indebtedness of Grand Bodies, 2530.

Specially authorized, with Grand Secretary, to adjust outstanding debts, 1930, 1959, 1998, 2157.

Authorized, with Grand Secretary, to have work of Order translated into French, German and Spanish, 1931, 1960, 1998.

Requested to appoint D. D. Grand Sire for California, 1942, 1963.

Requested to remit to New Orleans money appropriated to sufferers by yellow fever, 2133, 2207.

Requested to visit British North America, 2143, 2177, 2210, 2265, 2327.

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For decisions on questions of order, see Order.

Communication from, (Ellison,) detained at home by sickness, and vote of sympathy with, 2549, 2661.

Authorized to sign notes for temporary loans, 2637, 2638, 2788, 3089, 3252.

Requested, with Grand Secretary, to collate amendments to Constitution, 2969.

Requested to authorize no new Grand Bodies during recess, 2996.

Communication from, (Craighead,) accounting for absence, 3167.

Complimentary votes, and portraits of, ordered, 359, 1070, 1278, 1297, 1425, 1752, 1693, 2449, 2708, 2709, 2999, 3277.

Portraits of, to be placed in Library of Grand Lodge of Maryland during recess, 3489.

Authorized to convene Grand Lodge for 1863 at some convenient place other than Baltimore, if found necessary, 3499.

For reports of, see Reports.

For parliamentary decisions by, see Order.

For, in order of service—See Personal References.

OFFICERS—DEPUTY GRAND SIRE.

General duties of, prescribed: To open and close Grand Lodge, examine Representatives, support Grand Sire, preside in his absence, and in case of death, &c., of Grand Sire, to assume duties of that office, 9, 11, 17, 2374, 2383, 2387.

In conjunction with Grand Sire, and Grand Secretary to grant dispensations for opening Lodges and Encampments, 15, 16, 226, 874.

OFFICERS—DEPUTY GRAND SIRE—continued.

Specially authorized to take charge of Secret Journal and Book of Diagrams during session, 1288, 1438, 1710, 1843, 2106, 2463, 2584, 2728, 2885, 3051, 3201, 3311, 3419.

Originally required to be chosen from Maryland, 76.

Office of, twice filled by new election, officer elect failing to appear, 343, 778.

George W. Race, of Louisiana, called to preside at session of 1856, in absence of Grand Sire Ellison, 2548, 2549.

Edward H. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, called to preside at session of 1860, in absence of Grand Sire Craighead, 3166, 3167.

Milton Herndon, of Indiana, called to preside in absence of Grand Sire Boylston, 3309, 3410.

Annual report by, Herndon, acting Grand Sire, 3410.

Decisions of law by, Herndon, acting Grand Sire, confirmed by Grand Lodge, 3412, 3413, 3414, 3415, 3463.

Complimentary votes and portraits of, Fitzhugh and Herndon, acting Grand Sires, ordered, 3281, 3502.

For, in order of service—See Personal References.

OFFICERS—GRAND RECORDING SECRETARY.

General duties of, prescribed: To make true record of proceedings, read papers, attest orders, keep accounts, receive returns and monies due Grand Lodge and pay to Grand Treasurer; make report to Grand Lodge, as prescribed; summon members to attend special meeting; to furnish documents to members, and distribute proceedings, &c., &c., &c., 9, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 232, 340, 342, 417, 600, 2374, 2379, 2381, 2383.

Compensation of, as from time to time determined, 9.

In conjunction with Grand Sire and Deputy Grand Sire, to grant dispensations, subject to approval and confirmation of Grand Lodge, 15, 16, 226, 874.

Required to give bond, 505.

Authorized to have annual report printed, 506.

OFFICERS—GRAND CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Propriety of appointing a, considered and Constitution amended to provide for, 218, 251, 273.

General duties of, prescribed: To conduct correspondence of Grand Lodge, under direction of Grand Sire; make detailed report; submit all communications transmitted or received; pay over monies received to Grand Recording Secretary; transact business appertaining to office, 9, 328, 342, 2374, 2379, 2381, 2383.

Is elective officer, holding at pleasure of Grand Lodge, and receives compensation as from time to time fixed, 8, 273, 327, 404, 586, 600, 674, 797, 946.

Authorized to have annual report printed, 506.

OFFICERS—GRAND CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY.*

The two offices united in one brother by double election of James L. Ridgely, of Maryland, who has since been styled, 328, 403, 404, 645.

Ministerial duties of, specified from time to time:

To give notice of expulsion of Subordinate Lodge, 93.

To furnish State Grand Lodges with location of Subordinates under Grand Lodge United States, 115.

To conduct correspondence relating to financial affairs, 251.

To keep books and accounts posted up, 286.

To publish a statement of moneys received, 340.

To prepare statements of accounts of Grand and Subordinate Bodies with Grand Lodge United States, 342.

To have Key of Manchester Unity printed, 357.

To collect property of Grand Lodge and prepare inventory, 389.

To prepare an Index, 391.

To rent room for deposit of books, documents, &c., 395.

To address Manchester Unity on subject of work, and protest against interference with Order in America, 397.

To appoint agents for sale of diplomas, 400.

To inform Grand Bodies of legal mode of attesting cards, 400.

To solicit from Grand Bodies contributions to aid in paying expenses of deputation to England, 401, 463.

To make tabular report of Grand Bodies and Subordinates under Grand Lodge United States, with dues received, 417.

To ascertain views of Grand Bodies on abolition of proxy system, and the expense of bona fide representation, 493.

To furnish to members of extinct Encampment, in good standing at time of surrender of charter, evidence of regular connection with Order, 498.

To inform Subordinate Grand Bodies of separation from Manchester Unity, and require rejection of cards issued by that association, 500.

To revise and have published (without expense to Grand Lodge) Journal of Proceedings from organization of Grand Lodge, 502.

To convey needful intelligence to foreigners petitioning for charters, 503.

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*In the index of 1852, the duties of the two offices—Grand Recording and Grand Corresponding Secretary—are separately stated for the first few references, after which they are indiscriminately referred to under the title of *Grand Secretary*. The Constitution of 1852 recognized them as two distinct offices, although, since 1841, united in one brother, James L. Ridgely, of Maryland, who was uniformly referred to by the double title. The Constitution of 1854 recognizes but one office, under the title of "*Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.*"

OFFICERS—GRAND CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY—continued.

To require claimants to present claims for payment, 544.
To employ assistance during session, 638.
To print diplomas sufficient for demand, 657.
To forward bills to Grand Bodies in debt, 674, 681.
To have financial accounts made out and printed annually, with vouchers, 675, 681.
To furnish blank form of returns to Grand and Subordinate Bodies, 692.
To obtain information to complete numerical registry of Lodges, 786.
To have revised work printed and distributed, 731, 819.
To sign cards or have fac simile of signature engraved on them, 816, 911.
To furnish Grand Bodies with certificates for credentials of Grand Representatives, 819.
To send copy of daily Journal to each member, 819, 918.
To prepare and print index with each Journal, and index for 1843 to 1848 inclusive, 864.
To have claim against D. D. Grand Sire Churchill, of Maine, secured, 923.
To have protested drafts secured, 924, 1286.
To reclaim charters of Lodges in England, 953.
To acknowledge letters from Australia, 953.
To copy new book of diagrams and destroy old, 964.
To append to Journal list of officers and representatives, with titles and residences, 966, 1098.
To procure desks and chairs for use of members, 960, 1095, 1788.
To furnish books to Grand Lodge of British North America, 967.
To exclude from Journal matter relating to work of the Order, 1036.
To furnish withdrawal cards to members of extinct Lodges and Encampments, 1059.
To keep secret journal of secret sessions, 1063.
To present copies of Journal to Grand Lodge British North America, 1073.
To have work translated and printed in French and Spanish, 1086.
To keep correct record of instructions in work, alterations and charges, 1093.
To have charges and lectures stereotyped, 1103.
To solicit contributions to Odd-Fellows' hall at Honolulu, 1259.
To have odes printed in German, 1270.
To furnish Grand Bodies with accounts annually, 1286.

OFFICERS—GRAND CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY—continued.

To solicit and keep account of contributions to Wildey Fund and annuity, 1304, 1494.
To invite proposals for printing journal, 1313, 1343, 1643, 1659.
To issue circulars to correct abuse in printing odes, 1314.
To have form of installation stereotyped, 1506, 1518.
To contract for supplies in recess, 1637.
To open new set of books by double entry, and keep separate accounts of odes, cards, &c., 1780, 1806, 1808.
To press collection of debts due Grand Lodge and proper charges on refusal to pay, 1780, 1806, 1808.
To have drawing of seal for block of marble in Washington Monument placed in frame, 1785.
To notify Grand Encampments of change in that degree, 1796.
To cause daily Journal to be printed and laid on desks of members, 1833, 1996, 2217, 2581, 2708, 2882, 3050, 3177, 3333, 3409.
To furnish copies of Grand Lodge diploma to Grand Representatives, 1835, 2106, 2131, 2254, 2462.
To report Grand Bodies in arrears to Grand Lodge, 1835.
To invite proposals for printing revised Journal of 1852, 1922, 1957.
To settle claim for arrears due from Grand Lodge of Maine, 1923, 1930.
To procure new seal and press for office, 1930, 1959, 1998.
To adjust outstanding debts, 1930, 1959, 1998, 2157, 2311, 2346.
To have the work translated into French, German and Spanish, 1931, 1960, 1966, 1998, 2078.
To enter as blanks, in preparing Journal, all votes cast for parties not in nomination, 1938.
To forward third volume of revised Journal to Grand Bodies, 1938.
To have desks and chairs forwarded to Philadelphia in 1853, 1965.
To have opening and closing ceremonies of Degree Lodges printed, 1966.
To furnish copy of revised journal to Grand Representatives and Grand Bodies, 2106.
To collate and report vital statistics, 2164.
To furnish Grand Bodies with blank forms for statiscal reports, 2164.
To furnish members with proceedings of 1853 when printed, 2167.

OFFICERS—GRAND CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY—continued.

To include in degree books form for opening and closing degree Lodges, 2168.
To prepare and publish with Journal lists of members, with post-office address, 2176.
To have printed on cards blank form of certificates as to benefits, 2250, 2251, 2267, 2327.
To furnish members with revised Journal and Digest, 2254, 2462.
To file all papers presented to Grand Lodge, 2506.
To have additional copies of daily Journal printed, 2276.
To arrange in tabular columns statements of receipts, and purpose received for, from Grand Bodies, 2520.
To furnish members with fourth volume of revised Journal, 2522, 2529.
To draw on Treasurer for expenses of preparing index and publishing fourth volume of Journal, and steel-plate engravings of Grand Sires, 2528.
To obtain and append list of State Grand Officers, with post-office address, to revised Journal, 2612, 2764, 2807, 2802.
To transmit copies of proceedings on death of Past Grand Sire Griffin, 2641; of Past Grand Rep. S. J. Brown, 2642; of Past Grand Rep. Ninde, 2653; Past Grand Rep. Gyles, 2597; D. D. Grand Sire McLaren, 2672; Past Grand Rep. Matthews, 3066; Past Grand Rep. Whitall, 3106; Past Grand Rep. Purden, 3114; Past Grand Rep. Williams, 3127; Past Grand Rep. Bayley, 3145.
In conjunction with Grand Treasurer, to procure portrait of Grand Sire DeSaussure, 2607.
To have diplomas printed, 2593.
To carry all outstanding debts of individuals into one account, to be called "*suspended* debts," and credit payment hereafter made thereon, 2615.
In conjunction with Grand Sire and Grand Treasurer, to sign notes for temporary loans, 2638, 2788, 3089, 3250.
To present diplomas and revised Journal to Representatives, 2772, 2884.
To prepare new form of diploma and procure plate, 2447, 2947, 2973.
To collate and publish amendments to Constitution, By-Laws and Rules of Order, and also pending amendments, 2969.
To state Rep. Verner's mileage account to him, 2976.
To correspond with Australian Grand Lodge, 2988, 3137.

OFFICERS—GRAND CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY—continued.

To act as Chairman of Committee on Celebration, and duties prescribed, 2991, 2992.
To append names and residences of Past Grand Sires and Past Deputy Grand Sires to revised Journal, 3001.
To advertise for proposals to print daily Journal, 3136, 3248.
To write to State Grand Officers and instruct them in relation to the signing of diplomas, 3135.
To settle account with Grand Lodge of North Carolina, 3085.
To submit to Committee on Printing all bills paid for printing, 3249.
To have inscription plate placed on hickory chair, 3263.
To complete unfinished daily Journal at Baltimore, 3278.
To have entire new index prepared for new edition of Journal, 3278.
To give notice to Grand Bodies of change in article ten of By-Laws, 3278.
To carry into effect resolutions in regard to portrait of Past Grand Sire Fitzhugh, 3281.
To contract for publication of revised Journal, 3253, 3267.
To present copy of revised Journal to Odd-Fellows' Library of District of Columbia, 3216.
Absent from duty at session of 1861, on account of indisposition; Grand Secretary, *pro tempore,* appointed, 3333.
Salary of, reduced, 3371.
To refund £20 to Grand Lodge of Victoria, 3371.
To remove archives and books to New York or Philadelphia, if he shall deem it necessary for safety, 3373, 3499.
To have Digest and Index prepared for new edition of revised Journal, 3489.
To have eulogy on Past Grand Sire Wildey appended to Journal of 1862, 3449.
To present twenty copies of eulogy to each Grand Representative, 3502.
To have two hundred copies of eulogy printed in German for distribution, 3489.
To send five copies of last day's proceedings of 1862 to members after adjournment, 3489.
In conjunction with Grand Sire and Grand Treasurer, to invest proceeds of Wildey debt when received, 3465.
To forward to Grand Jurisdictions not represented same number of copies of Journal as furnished to Representatives present, 3365, 3498.
To settle claims due from Grand Encampment of Iowa, and Grand Lodges of Vermont and Nebraska, 3475.
To append to Journal all "*standing resolutions*," 3488.

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Regular reports of, Ridgely,* 336, 373, 463, 544, 614, 751, 875, 1038, 1205, 1408, 1577, 1694, 1725, 1849, 1996, 2217, 2414, 2564, 2709, 2863, 3033, 3184, 3312, 3423.

OFFICERS—GRAND TREASURER.

Is required to receive from Grand Secretary all monies of Grand Lodge, pay orders drawn by Grand Sire, attested by Grand Secretary, and report annually full statement of accounts, and furnish copy in advance to Grand Secretary, 9, 18, 675, 681, 816, 2374.

Required from time to time to execute Bond for faithful performance of trust, 505, 600, 820, 1780, 1806, 1808, 1929, 1930, 1958, 2374, 2696, 2996, 3279, 3504.

Receives for services such compensation as Grand Lodge determines, 421, 818, 1847, 1929, 1930, 1958, 2374, 3370.

Directed to dispose of uncurrent funds, 508, 818.

Directed to invest all surplus monies in United States Treasury notes, 1780, 1806, 1808.

Directed to invest surplus funds in securities bearing six per cent. interest, 1929, 1991, 2156.

Directed to pay certain orders, 1929, 1965.

Required to give bond prior to installation, 1929, 1958.

Directed to sell certain stocks, 2278, 2295.

Authorized, with Grand Secretary, to procure portrait of Past Grand Sire DeSaussure, 2617.

Authorized to negotiate a temporary loan at different times, 2637, 2666, 2788, 2972, 3250.

Leave granted to, to defer his report, 2882.

Authorized to return money received from Australia, 3142.

Appointed attorney-in-fact of Grand Lodge to receive and execute discharge of the Wildey debt, 3465.

Instructed to deposit funds in one of the banks in Baltimore deemed secure, 3464.

Authorized, with other Grand Officers, to withdraw funds, if deemed unsafe, and deposit elsewhere, 3464.

For appointments to, in order, see Personal References.

OFFICERS—GRAND CHAPLAIN.

Required, at opening and closing of Grand Lodge, to address Supreme Ruler of Universe in prayer, and perform other duties appertaining to office, 19, 2374, 2387.

Rev. Junius M. Willey requested to deliver discourse before Grand Lodge at session of 1853, 1953.

Rev. J. A. Massey, of Alabama, appointed, *pro tem.*, 2205.

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* No previous Grand Secretary made regular reports.

OFFICERS—GRAND CHAPLAIN—continued.

Rev. A. W. Bruce, of Northern New York, appointed, *pro tem.*, 2450.
Proposition to limit Grand Sires in appointing to office of, to city of Baltimore, rejected, 2466.
Leave of absence granted to, Rev. R. Jones, 2667.
Rev. Samuel L. Adams, of Kentucky, appointed, *pro tem.*, 2692.
Prayer at close of session of 1857 by—McCabe.
Grand Rep. Rand, of Massachusetts, appointed, *pro tem.*, 2850.
Prayer by Bro. Rand, *pro tem.*, at close of session of 1858, 3001.
Prayer by, Rev. A. Paul Repiton at close of session of 1859, 3146.
Prayer by—Repiton at close of session of 1860, 3283.
For appointments to, in order, see Personal References.

OFFICERS—GRAND MARSHAL.

Required to take charge of processions of Grand Lodge, perform duties of office, and aid Grand Sire when required, 2375.
Rep. Dexter Gilmore, of Northern New York, appointed, *pro tem.*, 2547.
Rep. E. C. Robinson, of Virginia, appointed, *pro tem.*, 2692.
Rep. W. H. H. Prall, of Northern New York, appointed, *pro tem.*, 3310, 3410.
For appointments to, in order, see Personal References.

OFFICERS—GRAND GUARDIAN.

Required to guard door of Lodge-room, to prove every brother on admitting him, and allow none to retire without P. W., 10, 2375.
For appointments in order, see Personal References.

OFFICERS—GRAND MESSENGER.

See Grand Messenger—Ante.

OFFICERS—DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRE.

To be appointed at annual sessions for States, &c., where no Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment exist, 16, 17, 197, 281, 288, 793, 819, 909, 942, 2382.
Must be contributing member of Lodge and Encampment, a Past Grand, with Royal Purple degree, and member of Grand Encampment, if one in State, &c., 17, 793, 820, 2382, 2383.
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Grand Master cannot deny appeals from his decisions, 1108.

Grand Master cannot summarily remove an officer of Subordinate; must deal with Lodge, and require it to see that its officers conform to the work, 1839, 1883, 1897, 1952.

Grand Master, when visiting for installation, entitled to Noble Grand's chair, otherwise not, 2403, 2450, 2481.

Grand Master, when visiting Subordinate officially, is entitled to honors of office; otherwise, when visiting privately, 2562, 2626, 2664.

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Are installed according to form prescribed by Grand Lodge United States, by Grand Master or Deputy, 19, 919.

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Installed, cannot be displaced during term for non-attendance, without special law, 1146, 1290, 1316, 2216, 2251, 2264, 2327.

Liable to penal charges as other members, and to impeachment for official misconduct; penalty governed by local law, 1286, 1318.

Cannot grant cards to members in recess, 1200, 1249, 1847, 1848, 1885, 1921, 1948, 1957, 1966, 2173.

Cannot use seal of Lodge unless ordered by Lodge or by law of Grand Lodge, 1286, 1318.

Refusal to provide for election of, three months in advance, 867.

Absent for majority of term, forfeits honors of office, though absent by leave of Lodge, 1845, 1886, 1898, 1949, 1952.

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At installation of, officers and Past Grands attending to participate, must give pass-word at outer door; but when Lodge informed by Grand Marshal of presence of installing officers in ante-room, no pass-word required at inner door, 1840, 1883, 1897, 1952.

Not to be installed, nor receive term pass-word until report made and dues paid, 2634, 2643, 2667.

Proposition for public installation of, rejected, 2563, 2632, 2664.

Cards to be signed in presence of, by whom A. T. P. W. is communicated to holder, 2563, 2632, 2664, 2665, 2673.

When official regalia is at his chair, cannot enter Lodge without regalia; must enter with regalia suited to degrees attained, and exchange at chair for official regalia, 2699, 2764, 2810.

Suspended or expelled, upon resuscitation or reinstatement of Lodge, are restored to office, or resume duties thereof, 1391, 1439, 1440, 1474, 2701, 2764, 2810.

On election for, where majority required, blank votes must be counted, 2859, 2926, 2928, 2963, 2964.

Proposition for public installation of, again considered and adopted, 2725, 2806, 2829, 2970, 2971.

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Grand Lodges authorized to change terms of, to commence and end in April and October, 3489.

OFFICERS—NOBLE GRAND.

Service for full term as Vice Grand necessary qualification for office of, 1017, 1067, 1080, 1124, 1297, 1298, 1443, 1473, 1475, 1511.

Service for full term of, or for remnant of term of, under certain circumstances, gives rank of Past Grand, and entitles to seat in Grand Lodge, 649, 795.

Entitled to traveling pass-word, and must superintend examination of visitors, 690.

Is presiding officer of Lodge, and alone has power to call it together; Grand Master cannot, 1085, 1120.

In absence of Grand Master and Deputy, and all Past Grands, may install successor, 1246.

Refusal to make Royal Purple degree necessary qualification for office of, 867.

Scarlet members not eligible to office of, without service, 2125, 2144, 2177, 2275, 2280, 2328, 2470, 2503.

If vacancy occurs in office of, and all qualified brothers decline, Scarlet member may be elected to fill vacancy, 2494, 2515, 2521.

Vested with power to appoint all appointed officers of Lodge except V. G. Supporters, 1847, 1887, 1949.

Failing to appear for installation, duties of, and appointment of Subordinate officers, devolves on Vice Grand; if local law admit vacation of office for non-attendance, Lodge may vacate office as if installed, 2216, 2251, 2264, 2327.

Failing to appear for installation, and forfeiting office under local law, member elected and installed is Noble Grand, 2403, 2450, 2481, 2503.

May deliver Past Grand's charge when circumstances require it, 1845, 1895, 1952.

Lodge may be opened with Past Grand in chair of, and Scarlet member in Vice Grand's chair, if N. G. and V. G. absent, 1840, 1842, 1883, 1897, 1952.

First, of new Lodge lawfully entitled to honorary degrees of P. V. Grand, and P. Secretary eligible to office in Grand Lodge; constructive service recognized, 2452, 2468, 2501.

Degree of Rebekah necessary qualification for office of, in Lodge possessing the degree, 1841, 1883, 1898, 1952, 2214, 2251, 2264, 2327.

Visiting for installation, Grand Master entitled to chair of; not so entitled when visiting otherwise, 2403, 2450, 2481, 2503.

All qualified brothers refusing to serve, Scarlet member may be elected to fill chair of, upon dispensation, for the purpose first obtained, 2561, 2629, 2664.

Must preside at meetings of Lodge, and cannot waive his rank and place, Past Grand in chair, 2611, 2650, 2673.

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Authorized to give semi-annual pass-word to a brother upon written request of Noble Grand of his Lodge, attested by seal of Lodge, 2776, 2826, 2832.

Over-staying time, on leave of absence for three months, cannot, on return, by resignation of Past Grand chosen to fill vacancy, and re-election for remainder of term, be made Past Grand entitled to honors, 2859, 2926, 2963.

Shall direct admission of member of his own Lodge without the term P. W., when satisfied of his good standing, 3108, 3124.

Of an expiring term cannot certify to his being a Past Grand, as he is still Noble Grand, 3209, 3210, 3243.

Refusal to repeal law forbidding, to waive right to occupy his chair in favor of Past Grand, because requiring change of unwritten work, 3486.

OFFICERS—VICE GRAND.

Twenty-six nights' service in inferior office, and attainment of proper degrees, qualifies for office of, 1067.

Is entitled to traveling pass-word, 690.

In absence of Noble Grand, is Noble Grand de facto; entitled and required to perform all duties, even to conferring degrees and wearing regalia of office, 1016, 1068, 1443, 1475, 1511.

Not entitled to honors by temporary occupation, without being elected to office of Noble Grand, 1443, 1475, 1511.

Cannot be elected to chair of Noble Grand without serving full term of office if any Past Grand in Lodge. *Ibid.*

Noble Grand elect, failing to appear for installation, duties devolve upon, temporarily, 2216, 2251, 2264, 2327.

Cannot, under any circumstances, deliver Past Grand's charge, 1845, 1895, 1952.

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Degree of Rebekah necessary qualification for, where Lodge is in possession of degree, 1841, 1883, 1898, 1952, 2214, 2251, 2264, 2327.

Refusal to allow dispensation to pass chair of, without service where Past Grands in Lodge, 2495.

Must preside in absence of Noble Grand, and cannot waive his right to chair in favor of a Past Grand, 2611, 2650, 2673, 2676.

Refusal to repeal law forbidding, when acting as Noble Grand, to waive right to chair in favor of Past Grand, 2676, 3486.

OFFICERS—SECRETARY.

When furnished with list of Encampment members, must send to Scribe of Encampment names of Encampment members expelled, suspended or withdrawn, 1250.

Cannot withhold withdrawal card granted by Lodge even upon alleged discovery of crime, 1840, 1883, 1897, 1952.

Either Permanent or Recording, competent to give certificate of good standing to candidate for admission to Encampment, 3235, 3266.

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Authorized to confer degrees of Subordinate Encampment on Scarlet members for organizing new Encampments, if no existing Encampment within thirty miles, 2588, 2630, 2664.

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Has no right to inflict upon Subordinate any penalty other than that prescribed by law; regularly, can only suspend temporarily; punishment inflicted by Grand Encampment only, 3414, 3463.

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Is agent or clerk of Grand Patriarch, and must obey his behest, not conflicting with his prescribed duties, 3413, 3463.

Is bound to recognize as legal officers and members of Subordinate, those reported to him as such; has no judicial power in the matter; the corrective lies with Grand Encampment, 3413, 3463.

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Secret sessions held by Grand Lodge of United States for instruction in the, 309, 315, 571, 774, 782, 867, 1016, 1080, 1205, 1278, 1556, 1564, 1709, 1833, 1914, 1920, 2106, 2134, 2144, 2520, 2720, 2894, 2947, 3051, 3066, 3202, 3277, 3341, 3439, 3453, 3486.

Duty of Grand Representatives to give instruction in the, on returning to jurisdiction, 1295.

Grand Representatives obtaining knowledge of certain parts of the, in discharge of duty in Grand Lodge of United States, and not by actual service, cannot avail themselves of rank or privilege thereof elsewhere, 491, 571, 665, 1148, 1291, 1316.

State Grand Bodies responsible to Grand Lodge of United States for any irregularity in the, within their jurisdictions, and must enforce the regular, 18, 491, 1094, 2383.

Grand Bodies recommended to appoint competent brothers for instruction in the, within their respective jurisdictions when necessary, 582, 867, 950, 1080.

Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments may submit to Grand Lodge of United States any inquiries in relation to the, 21, 1443, 1473, 1575, 1598, 2386.

No part of the, or cards, diplomas, odes, &c., can be printed by individuals or State Grand Bodies, 588, 679, 888, 914, 956, 1237, 1269, 1315.

Prayers in Encampments in conferring degrees are an integral part of the, and cannot be dispensed with, 784, 914, 957, 965, 1033.

Prayer not an integral part of the, except in Encampments, 2461, 2491, 2508.

Grand Secretary of Grand Lodge of United States required to preserve evidence of the unwritten, and all records pertaining to, with lectures and explanations, 2374.

Inquiries in relation to the, may be submitted to Grand Sire by Grand Bodies, or by Grand Masters, Grand Patriarchs, Grand Representatives or Subordinates under Grand Lodge of United States, 2373.

Upon adoption of a new degree not an integral part of the, Grand Representatives becoming possessed of it in discharge of duty may confer it on Subordinate Lodges without authority of State Grand Lodge, 1839, 1883, 1896, 1897. 1952.

If Noble Grand persist in violating instructions with regard to the, Grand Master must advise Lodge and enforce obedience by dealing with Lodge, 1839, 1883, 1897, 1952.

Members under charges may participate in the, 2132, 2174.

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Proposition to restore the old, for initiation in Lodges, or to amend the new, rejected, 1906, 1914, 1954.

A committee appointed to revise the secret, 2728, 2796, 2828, 2829.

Alteration of, by adoption of law authorizing public installations, 2806, 2829, 2971, 2972, 2994.

Alteration of, by adopting law authorizing reconsideration of a ballot, 2736, 2773, 2792.

Alteration of, by adopting a law authorizing Lodges to visit in a body, 2792, 2828, 2910, 2990.

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Proposition to appoint a committee to revise lectures and, for Subordinate Lodges, laid on table, 2900.

Proposition to amend Constitution so as to change the mode of altering the written and unwritten, 3135, 3245.

Proposition to appoint a Grand Lecturer to visit all jurisdictions for instruction in the, considered and rejected, 3064, 3109, 3124.

Proceedings resulting in the appointment of a Committee to revise the Secret, 3227, 3228, 3246, 3255.

Certain parts of the, ordered to be printed in the German language, 3369, 3370.

Committee on revision of Secret, report progress, 3337.

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THE FOLLOWING TABLE *will show the growth, work and fruit of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows in North America from* 1830 *to* 1860, *inclusive—being a period of thirty years.*

Year.	No. Lodges.	No. of initiations.	No. of members.	No. brothers relieved.	No. widowed families relieved.	Deaths.	Amou't paid for relief.	Amou't paid for the education of orphans.	Amou't paid for burying the dead.	Aggregate am't relief.	Revenue.
1830	58	1,598	3,036	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$15,727 48
1831	69	2,166	4,451	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26,464 52
1832	93	2,549	5,956	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35.324 78
1833	100	1,390	6,349	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22,718 92
1834	96	1,496	6.647	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28,156 95
1835	96	1,478	6,743	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29,666 99
1836	114	1,501	6,819	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38,094 30
1837	110	1,256	6,833	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23,230 21
1838	114	2.006	8,175	231	23	15	$4,505 55	$315 92	$617 85	$5,440 31	47,131 04
1839	130	2,620	9,381	253	40	.....	4,914 43	346 24	1,127 80	6,388 47	61,420 78
1840	155	3,343	11,166	.....	.....	.....	8,040 60	349 66	856 66	9,240 12	62,167 12
1841	199	6,822	17,854	1,031	95	.....	18,551 70	700 78	2,009 69	20,262 17	120,776 52
1842	265	7,836	24,160	2,834	160	107	43,435 83	831 59	4,463 13	48,756 55	175,983 00
1843	352	8,749	30,043	4,467	306	184	66,863 17	4,293 52	7,116 32	68,273 01	205,386 02
1844	457	11,192	40,238	4,269	328	230	72,113 81	1,253 88	8,918 29	82,285 98	303,796 35
1845	686	22,894	61,853	6,903	476	329	130,887 23	3,285 50	13,820 91	147,993 64	493,954 67
1846	992	33.316	90,753	11,349	817	485	201,252 47	3,674 25	22,786 02	227,712 74	762,204 43
1847	1392	33,794	118,961	16,764	1,476	896	310,209 06	6,822 36	36,385 68	353,417 10	870,769 17
1848	1713	28,260	122,697	15,308	1,709	946	327,242 37	8,842 36	41,807 26	377,891 99	961,436 83
1849	1727	23,548	139,242	19,117	1,688	1,164	385,717 85	6,732 25	51,831 65	544,281 75	977,018 06
1850	2354	31,232	174,637	24,174	2,335	1,796	474,841 65	7,348 44	68,056 71	654,246 80	1,309,894 40
1851	2647	31,073	189,512	24,116	2,582	1,710	513,105 47	10,113 11	71,204 39	594,422 97	1,316,227 24
1852	2729	25,776	193,298	26,330	3,058	1,642	651,390 81	10,750 85	172,442 79	834,584 45	1,257,154 69
1853	2941	23,551	193,030	22.938	2,375	1,583	522,248 95	11,800 52	70,123 85	604,173 32	1,304,846 27
1854	3129	25,335	199,197	22,658	2,118	1,790	536,029 90	11,721 51	76,815 31	624,566 72	1,453,499 03
1855	3313	23,314	200,600	23,589	2,545	2,416	577,586 59	12,475 73	94,593 83	684,656 15	1,243,741 42
1856	3397	20.206	193,614	21,743	2,568	1,971	440,284 36	10,756 33	79 633 66	530,674 35	1,283,193 36
1857	3505	19,594	188,712	19,094	2,464	1,801	577,739 17	13,469 33	81,343 20	572,551 70	1,223,187 07
1858	3390	16,549	176,700	23,151	2,798	1,739	392,890 86	11,297 06	72.741 94	486,929 86	1,333,841 54
1859	3423	17,654	177,711	18,131	2,760	1,710	393,773 49	13,931 72	69,891 15	477.590 36	1,225,818 03
1860	3548	16,980	173,818	16,276	2,629	1,597	548,746 95	12,692 07	59,754 88	621,193 90	1,260,904 03
		410,181	.....	324,726	35,350	24.211	7,202,374 87	165,803 37	1,208.349 95	8,478,528 41	$19,383,936 22

SUMMARY.

Initiated—Four hundred and ten thousand one hundred and eighty-one.

**Aggregate Relief*—Eight millions four hundred and seventy-eight thousand five hundred and twenty-eight dollars and forty-one cents.

Aggregate Revenue—Nineteen millions three hundred and forty-five thousand eight hundred and forty-one dollars and ninety-two cents.

* This is exclusive of special applications for assistance from widows and non-affiliated brethren, and of contributions made outside of the Order by Lodges during the prevalence of cholera and yellow fever, which has been very considerable.